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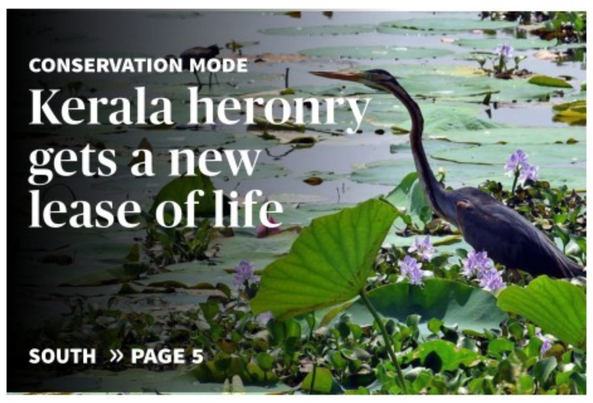

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DMK seeks support for recalling T.N. Governor

Its Lok Sabha member T.R. Baalu urges Opposition parties to sign a joint petition urging the President to remove R.N. Ravi; Congress agrees to be on board, while others are yet to take a stand

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Seeking allies in its tussle with Tamil Nadu Governor R.N. Ravi, the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) has called on Opposition parties to sign a joint petition asking President Droupadi Murmu to recall him immediately. The Congress has already come on board, but other parties are yet to make their stand clear.

In a letter to Opposition parties on Wednesday, DMK Lok Sabha MP T.R. Baalu urged them to sign the joint memorandum, and the Congress has agreed to do so.

"Governors who abide by their constitutional role are now an extinct species. Each one appointed since 2014 has been a disgrace and has danced to the tune of *hum do* (we two) even before that tune has even been played," Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh told *The Hindu*.

The DMK's letter joins a growing chorus of voices against the office of Governor in multiple States.

Undemocratic: CPI(M)

Addressing a press conference here on Monday, the Communist Party of India (Marxist) general secretary Sitaram Yechury had also urged like-minded Opposition parties to come together for a protest against the alleged "undemocratic and anti-constitutional" acts of Governors.

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Power point

Governor R.N. Ravi's remarks on various issues have drawn criticism from various parties in Tamil Nadu

R.N. Ravi

> MPs from the DMK and like-minded political parties are requested to kindly visit Anna Arivalayam headquarters to sign a memorandum addressed to the President, pertaining to the immediate withdrawal of the Governor of Tamil Nadu
>
> T.R. BAALU'S LETTER

Kerala CM sees bid to run parallel govt.

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM
Accusing Governor Arif Mohammed Khan of trying to run a parallel government, Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan said repeated interventions in the State's universities should be seen as part of a plan to bring them under the control of the Sangh Parivar. » PAGE 5

Projected poll results show Netanyahu inching towards reclaiming power in Israel

Agence France-Presse
JERUSALEM

Israel's Benjamin Netanyahu inched towards reclaiming power on Wednesday after projected election results showed a majority government was within reach for the veteran right-winger, though the outlook could shift as ballots are counted.

If the exit polls hold, it would mark a dramatic comeback for Mr. Netanyahu, Israel's longest-serving Premier, whose Likud party is poised to form a coalition with its ultra-Orthodox Jewish allies and a rising extreme-right. "We are close to a big victory," Mr. Netanyahu told supporters at a rally in Jerusalem early on Wednesday.

"We don't know the final results yet, but if the results are like the exit polls, I will form a national [right-wing] government," Mr. Netanyahu said.

But his main rival, caretaker Prime Minister Yair Lapid, told his supporters in Tel Aviv that "nothing is decided", and that his centrist Yesh Atid party "will wait patiently... for the final results".

Projections from three Israeli networks put Mr. Netanyahu's Likud on track for a first-place finish, with between 30 and 32 seats. That number, combined with projected tallies for the extreme-right Religious Zionism alliance and the two ultra-Orthodox Jewish parties, would give the bloc backing Mr. Netanyahu between 61 and 62 seats.

An outright victory for the bloc would end the short reign of an alliance of eight parties under Mr. Lapid.

Strong show: Likud party leader Benjamin Netanyahu waves as he addresses his supporters in Jerusalem on Wednesday. REUTERS

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Computer science tops engineering admissions

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With admissions gaining pace, this year's trends point to a clear likeness for computer science and related subjects amongst aspiring engineering students, followed by information science. » Page 2

QR code-based registration at C.V. Raman hospital

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With the introduction of a QR code-based Fast Track Queue System for patient registration, patients coming to the OPD of C.V. Raman General Hospital are able to share demographic and personal details just by scanning the code. » Page 3

Power of 'double engine' govt. one of the reasons for State's fast-paced growth: Modi

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Inaugurating the Global Investors' Meet (GIM) in Karnataka, which is headed to elections in 2023, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Wednesday that the power of the "double engine" government is one of the reasons for the State's fast-paced growth in several sectors.

"Karnataka has the power of double engine, with the same party in the government at both the State and the Centre. That is one of the reasons why the State is growing at a fast pace in several areas and is holding the top rank in ease of doing business and FDI inflow," said the Prime Minister, while virtually inaugurating the three-day investment exposition hosted by Karnataka.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi speaking at the inauguration of the Global Investors' Meet in Bengaluru on Wednesday. K. MURALI KUMAR

Speaking on the larger policy position, he said the Indian government has laid a red carpet for global investors instead of trapping them in the mesh of red tape.

Mr. Modi said his government encouraged investments in sectors such as Defence, drones, space, and geospatial mapping areas, where private players were not allowed to participate earlier.

"We have freed our investors from red tape and given them a red carpet of opportunities. Instead of making new complicated laws, we rationalised them," the Prime Minister said while addressing a large gathering of law makers, industry leaders, technocrats, and entrepreneurs at Palace Grounds.

He said global economy observers were seeing India as a bright spot, especially when the rest of the world was talking about the global crisis.

"The world is convinced about the fundamentals of the Indian economy in these uncertain times. We are continuously working on its fundamentals so that the Indian economy gets stronger with every passing day," Mr. Modi said. "Investing in India means investing in inclusion, investing in democracy, investing for the world, and investing for a better, cleaner and a safer planet," the Prime Minister said.

According to Mr. Modi, the country received foreign direct investment of $84 billion last year.

India could assure the world about the supply of medicines and vaccines in the period of the disrupted supply chain, he said. "Despite a climate of market saturation, our domestic markets are strong due to the aspirations of our citizens," he emphasised.

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Exciting finish

Job done: Arshdeep Singh celebrates India's narrow five-run win (by DLS method) over Bangladesh in the rain-affected group match of the ICC T20 World Cup in Adelaide on Wednesday. The victory helped the Men in Blue stay on course for a semifinal spot. GETTY IMAGES (PAGE 13)

14-year-old raped, murdered in Aland; minor boy arrested

The Hindu Bureau
KALABURAGI

A 14-year-old girl studying in Class IX at a government high school in a village in Aland taluk of Kalaburagi district was raped and murdered in a sugarcane field on Tuesday evening, sparking outrage in the region.

By the end of Wednesday, the police arrested a 16-year-old boy, a resident of the same village, in connection with the case. Hundreds of people from about 12 organisations had protested earlier in the day, blocking Aland main road, demanding action.

Activists of various organisations protesting on the main road in Aland, Kalaburagi district, on Wednesday. ARUN KULKARNI

The girl was a native of a village in neighbouring Afzalpur taluk and was staying with relatives in Aland taluk for the last three years as she was studying there. After spending Deepavali vacation at her home, she had returned to her relatives' place on Tuesday.

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Minister directs dept. to introduce 10 minutes of 'dhyana' in schools, colleges

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BENGALURU

Minister for School Education and Literacy B.C. Nagesh has issued a circular directing the Department of Public Instruction to mandate 10 minutes of "dhyana' (meditation) for students of schools and PU colleges across the State.

"It is necessary to make students meditate every day to reduce physical and mental stress, and help them improve concentration and health," Mr. Nagesh said in the circular, adding that meditation was already being practised in some schools and there were suggestions to institute meditation in schools across the State.

Minister B.C. Nagesh

The direction from the Minister has drawn criticism. Educationist V.P. Niranjanaradhya said this was an "arbitrary decision" by the Minister and as per Section 29 (1) of The Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009, only competent authority, Department of State Education Research and Training, can prescribe scholastic and non-scholastic activities in education institutions.

'Driven by agenda'

Amaresh Kadagada, President, Students Federation of India, came down heavily on the Minister's direction and said, "This government has been trying to saffronise school education by introducing Bhagavad Gita, 'Vedic' mathematics and we fear that in the garb of meditation, this too will be used to introduce religious elements. They should concentrate on providing better and equitable education rather than push the party's agenda," he said.

However, Mr. Nagesh contended that meditation was not a religious practice. "Children have lost focus, concentration in the post-pandemic period. They have also got used to mobile phones. To rectify this situation, many have suggested we introduce meditation for children. Just because some people oppose it, why should we let go of a good initiative?" he asked.

AI acquires all AirAsia India shares

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Air India (AI) has fully bought budget carrier AirAsia India by acquiring the balance 16.3% stake held by Malaysia's AirAsia Aviation Group. The airline would now be "integrated" with Air India's low-cost international arm Air India Express in 12 months.

In a statement, the AI said it has signed agreements to complete the acquisition of 100% shareholding in AirAsia India and to turn it into a subsidiary under Air India.

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NEWS IN NUMBERS

Subsidy amount for fertilizers approved by government

51,875 In ₹ crore, the amount approved as subsidy by the Union government for phosphatic and potassic (P&K) fertilizers for the second half of 2022-23, according to an official statement. The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, approved nutrient-based subsidy rates for P&K fertilizers for the 2022-23 Rabi season. PTI

Wheat exports from India double despite government ban

1.48 In $ billion, the worth of India's wheat exports during April-September 2022-23, compared to the year-ago period when it stood at $630 million, according to the Commerce Ministry. Though the government banned wheat exports in May 2022, some shipments were allowed to meet food security needs of countries that requested it. PTI

Projects cleared under National Technical Textiles Mission

20 The number of strategic research projects cleared by the Union government under the National Technical Textiles Mission. The projects worth around ₹74 crore, are in the fields of speciality fibre, agro-textiles, smart textiles etc. Despite the usage of speciality fibres in India, indigenisation of the technology is still a major challenge, according to Minister Piyush Goyal. PTI

Canada addresses labour shortage through immigrants

5 In lakh, the number of immigrants to be welcomed to Canada, by 2025, as the country unveiled plans for a big increase in the number of immigrants entering the country to address a critical labour shortage. It puts a heavy emphasis on admitting more permanent residents with needed work skills and experience, alongside more-modest targets for family members and refugees. AP

North Korea fires missiles, one landing in South Korea waters

23 The number of missiles fired by North Korea, including one that landed close to South Korea's waters, South Korean President Yoon Suk-yeol informed, calling it effectively a territorial invasion. North Korea conducted an artillery barrage, firing into a maritime "buffer-zone" set up to reduce tensions between the two countries during an ill-fated bout of diplomacy. AFP

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The new hybrid variant of mustard

How significant is the development of the Dhara Mustard Hybrid-11 (DMH-11)? Why are some activist groups opposing the commercial release of the crop? What are their allegations? How many transgenic crops are commercially cultivated in India?

EXPLAINER

Jacob Koshy

The story so far:
The Genetic Engineering Appraisal Committee (GEAC), India's apex regulator of genetically modified plants and food products, has approved the environmental release of Dhara Mustard Hybrid-11 (DMH-11), a genetically-engineered variant of mustard. If approved for commercial cultivation it would be the first genetically modified food crop available to Indian farmers.

What is DMH-11?
DMH-11 is a hybrid variant of mustard developed by researchers at The Centre for Genetic Manipulation of Crop Plants, at the University of Delhi. Deepak Pental, who has led the efforts to develop hybrid mustard at the Centre for decades and was a former Vice-Chancellor of the University, began with DMH-1, a hybrid variant that was developed without transgenic technology. DMH-1 was approved for commercial release in northwest India in 2005-2006 but scientists have said that this technology wasn't bankable enough to consistently produce hybrid mustard. While India has several mustard varieties, it is a self-pollinating plant and therefore a challenge for plant-breeders to cross different mustard varieties and induce desirable traits. Being able to turn off this self-pollinating trait to enable such crossings and then restoring the trait, to enable seed production, is how the mustard plant's genes are to be manipulated. DMH-11 is a result of a cross between two varieties: Varuna and Early Heera-2. Such a cross wouldn't have happened naturally and was done after introducing genes from two soil bacterium called barnase and barstar. Barnase in Varuna induces a temporary sterility because of which it can't naturally self-pollinate. Barstar in Heera blocks the effect of barnase allowing seeds to be produced. The result is DMH-11 (where 11 refers to the number of generations after which desirable traits manifest) that not only has better yield but is also fertile. DMH-11 is a transgenic crop because it uses foreign genes from a different species.

Black and yellow: Women carry fodder for their cattle through a mustard field. REUTERS

Are hybrid mustard varieties better ?
Trials conducted over three years by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) suggest that DMH-11 has 28% higher yields than its parent Varuna and was 37% better than zonal checks, or local varieties that are considered the best in different agro-climatic zones. These trials were conducted at eight locations over three years. DMH-11 rather than being an end in itself signals the proof of success of the barnase-barstar system that can act as a platform technology to develop newer hybrids. Scientists say that having better hybrids is necessary to meet India's rising edible-oil import bill. Mustard (Brassica juncea) is cultivated in 6-7 million hectares during the Rabi winter season predominantly in Rajasthan, Haryana, Punjab and Madhya Pradesh. India imports anywhere from 55-60% of its domestic edible-oil requirement. In 2020-21, around 13.3 million tonnes of edible oil were imported at a cost of ₹1,17,000 crore according to the National Academy of Agricultural Sciences. This is primarily due to low productivity – of about 1-1.3 tonnes/hectare – that has been stagnant for over two decades. On the other hand, hybrid mustard and rapeseed are the dominant form of oil seeds in Canada, China and Europe. So, proponents say, the only way to improve India's productivity is to have more mustard hybrids.

Why is it controversial?
There are two main reasons why transgenic mustards are a topic of debate. The use of genes that are foreign to the species is one and secondly, the preparation of mustard hybrids require the use of another gene, called the bar gene, that makes it tolerant to a herbicide called glufosinate-ammonium. Activist groups allege that the GM mustard hasn't been evaluated as a herbicide tolerant crop posing potential risks. Finally, they allege, GM mustard plants may dissuade bees from pollinating the plant and this could have knock-off environmental catastrophes. Activist groups have also been supported by the Swadeshi Jagran Manch, an Rashtriya Swayam Sevak Sangh affiliate, who have consistently opposed GM crops.

What next for GM mustard?
This isn't the first time that the GEAC has cleared the environmental release of GM mustard. In 2017 too, the apex body had cleared it but the process got stalled after a case was lodged in the Supreme Court. The government, or specifically the Environment Ministry, hasn't officially supported GM mustard despite the GEAC being a body under it. Bt Brinjal, the first transgenic food crop, too was cleared by the GEAC in 2009 but was put on hold by the then-UPA government on the grounds that more tests were needed. Currently the only transgenic crop grown in India is Bt-cotton. The GEAC go-ahead only allows DMH-11 to be grown in fields under the supervision of the ICAR. The Indian Agricultural Research Institute has said that the crop would be commercially available after "three seasons" now that they can be grown in large quantities for evaluation.

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Can convicted legislators be disqualified from Assembly?

Why were the two Uttar Pradesh legislators awarded prison sentences? Under what conditions can an MLA/MP, sentenced by the Court, be removed from their positions?

K. Venkataramanan

The story so far:
Two Uttar Pradesh legislators were convicted on criminal charges in recent days, but only one of them has been disqualified and his seat declared vacant by the State's Legislative Assembly secretariat. Azam Khan, the Samajwadi Party MLA for Rampur, was sentenced to a three-year jail term, for making an inflammatory speech in 2019. As disqualification upon conviction on a criminal charge, accompanied by a prison sentence of two years and more is immediate, the Assembly secretariat declared his seat vacant. However, there has been no such response in regard to Vikram Singh Saini, MLA from Khatauli, after he was sentenced to two years' imprisonment in connection with the Muzaffarnagar riots of 2013.

When does conviction attract disqualification?
Section 8 of the Representation of the People Act (RPA), 1951, contains provisions aimed at decriminalising electoral politics. There are two categories of criminal cases that attract disqualification upon conviction. In the first category are offences that entail disqualification for a period of six years upon any conviction. If the punishment is a fine, the six-year period will run from the date of conviction, but if there is a prison sentence, the disqualification will begin on the date of conviction, and will continue up to the completion of six years after the date of release from jail. Major IPC offences are included under this head: making speeches that cause enmity between groups (Sec.153A) and doing so in a place of worship (Sec.505), bribery and personation during elections and other electoral offences, offences relating to rape and cruelty to women by husband and latter's relatives. Besides, serious provisions of special laws such as the Protection of Civil Rights Act, Customs Act, Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act etc are among the category of offences that entail disqualification regardless of the quantum of punishment. Laws for prevention of Sati, corruption, terrorism and insult to national flag and national anthem etc are also part of this group. All other criminal provisions form a separate category under which mere conviction will not entail disqualification. A sentence of at least two years in prison is needed to incur such disqualification.

Is there legal protection for legislators against disqualification?
Under Section 8(4) of the RPA, legislators could avoid immediate disqualification until 2013. The provision said that with respect to a Member of Parliament or a State legislator the disqualification will not take effect for three months. If within that period, the convicted legislator files an appeal or revision application, it will not take effect until the disposal of the appeal or application. In other words, the mere filing of an appeal against conviction will operate as a stay against disqualification. In *Lily Thomas vs. Union of India,* the Supreme Court struck down clause (4) as unconstitutional, thus removing the protection enjoyed by lawmakers.

Can the disqualification be removed?
The Supreme Court has the power to stay not only the sentence, but also the conviction of a person. In some rare cases, conviction has been stayed to enable the appellant to contest an election. However, the SC has made it clear that such a stay should be very rare and for special reasons. The RPA itself provides a remedy through the Election Commission. Under Sec. 11 of the Act, the EC may record reasons and either remove, or reduce the period of, a person's disqualification. The EC exercised this power for Sikkim Chief Minister P.S. Tamang, who served a one-year sentence for corruption, and reduced his disqualification so as to contest a byelection and remain in office.

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INBRIEF

Krishi Mela expected to give boost to agri startups

This year's edition of four-day Krishi Mela of the University of Agricultural Sciences-Bengaluru, set to begin on Thursday, is expected to lay the foundation for boosting agri startups in the State. While the focus of the Krishi Mela is agri startups, UAS-B Vice-chancellor S.V. Suresh told *The Hindu* that the main intention was to help encourage young minds to find innovative solutions to the problems of farmers. The university, which is incubating 18 agri startups on its campus, will have a separate pavilion at the Krishi Mela for agri startups, he said.

Festival of social and cultural inclusion at St. Joseph's College

St. Joseph's College of Commerce (Autonomous), as part of its Golden Jubilee celebration, is organising a programme titled Paraspara - a festival of social and cultural inclusion on Thursday. The college in a release said that it has invited artisans and folk artists from the margins. There will be performances by Siddhis, Hejje mela, Manteswamy Kavya and Doddaata. The event will be held at the college football ground from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Exhibition marks 147th birth anniversary of Sardar Patel

Kristu Jayanti College on Monday organised a Unity Day exhibition to commemorate the 147th birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. The day-long exhibition included special exhibits on the life of Sardar Patel along with cultural programmes that were aimed to promote the need and sense of national unity and create consciousness about his contribution. As many as 80 students from Sri Siddhartha Sanivasa High School and 200 students from Kristu Jayanti College participated in the exhibition.

Computer science stream dominates engineering admissions this year too

Colleges have also noticed an uptick in admission numbers post COVID-19 years; Karnataka Examinations Authority increases the availability of seats for CS and allied subjects by 25%

Jahnavi T.R.
BENGALURU

With the introduction of the National Education Policy, even the fewer students who choose traditional branches are opting for computer science specialisations. K. MURALI KUMAR

The non-updated syllabus, which does not suit the industrial needs and lacks placement options, has led to very few takers for the traditional mechanical, electrical, and civil engineering branches. With admissions gaining pace, this year's trends point to a clear preference for computer science and related subjects amongst aspiring engineering students, followed by information science and electronic communications. Engineering colleges have also noticed an uptick in admission numbers post COVID-19.

"B.Tech computer science and engineering continues to be in demand over others due to placement opportunities. Students select this basic version as they want the flexibility to select their specialisation later during the programme. Electronics and communication engineering also has good demand due to placements in computer systems, networks, IoT and VLSI domains," said Sanjay R. Chitnis, Dean, School of Computer Science and Engineering, RV University.

Taking notice of the increasing demand, the Karnataka Examinations Authority has also increased the availability of seats for CS and allied subjects by 25% this year. Experts in private varsities say that the syllabus of traditional subjects should be drastically updated in order to revive demand for them. They believe that introduction of topics like smart cities, electric vehicles and power grids, modern transportation and urban planning, which match industrial requirements, will increase takers for the subjects.

Currently, with the introduction of National Education Policy (NEP), even the fewer students who choose traditional branches are opting for CS specialisations for their minor degrees. The colleges are also advising students to take up these minor courses to increase the placement possibilities for the students. Some universities are also offering minor degrees in non-engineering subjects like design, fintech, psychology, film making and history under NEP.

"The traditional branches do have some demand, but not the kind computer science does. This was further accelerated due to all the online happenings during the pandemic. This is why we suggest minor computer science degrees to civil and electrical students so that even they get familiarised with coding and other systems and subjects like Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning to those who study mechanical engineering," said R. Ramesh, Registrar, REVA University.

The admission officers at universities have also noticed that the students no longer just care about subjects and institutions but also about other aspects like internships, development of entrepreneurial skills, NEP related provisions and educational background of faculty members.

Govt. to expand Foreigners' Detention Centre to double its capacity in city

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

With special focus on tracking down and deporting illegally staying foreigners in the city and not enough space at the Foreigners' Detention Centre on the outskirts of the city, the State government has now decided to expand the centre to double its capacity from 40 to 80. Presently, the centre houses 49 people.

On the directions of Home Minister Araga Jnanendra, special teams have been formed in every police station to track down and act on illegally staying foreigners in the city earlier this year. Special drives conducted by these teams have led to the apprehending 570 foreigners illegally staying in the city between March and August 2022.

However, this has posed a serious challenge as there is not enough space at the Foreigners' Detention Centre in Sondekoppa on the outskirts of the city. The Centre, with a capacity to house 40 people, was started in December 2019 in a Social Welfare Department Hostel converted into a detention centre, when Basavaraj Bommai was Home Minister and he pushed for focus on illegally staying foreigners in the city amidst protests against the National Registry of Citizens and Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2020.

Mr. Jnanendra has now ordered for the centre to be expanded. Recently, a committee led by Rakesh Kumar, Commissioner, Social Welfare Department, and Chetan Singh Rathod, FRRO, Karnataka, visited the centre and has now proposed to build another floor adding a built-up area of 2,400 sq.ft. doubling the capacity, at a cost of ₹40 lakh. The additional floor will have several rooms, cots, washrooms, kitchens with solar lighting. The centre will provide three meals, tea/coffee at a cost of ₹3,000 per person per month, borne by the Home Department.

The additional infrastructure will be a shot in the arm, say police sources. The special drive against illegally staying foreigners has thrown up practical challenges. With no space to detain them, the FRRO has been releasing many of those detained with minimal violations on a surety bond, as a result of which many detained by the police are being released.

Borewell firm owner booked for assaulting students at gunpoint

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Annapoorneshwari Nagar police are on the lookout for the owner of a borewell company for assaulting two students in broad daylight and threatening them at gunpoint on the busy Muddinapalya road on Monday.

Panic gripped among passers-by when the accused Anil Ramachandrappa, owner of Royal Borewell company, and his associates dragged 19-year-old student Koushik Chirag and his younger brother out of his office and assaulted them in the middle of the road while people looked on. The incident was captured by the CCTV cameras.

Koushik, a student of a private college, and his younger brother Nandan Chirag are tenants of the accused and had gone to Anil's office to discuss about vacating the house.

The duo had earlier demanded the deposits and had an argument with the family members of Anil. Enraged by this, Anil attacked them as they came to his office and dragged them out and assaulted them publicly.

The police have registered a case against Anil for attempt to murder and criminal intimidation.

Bangalore University convocation on Dec. 5

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The 57th annual convocation of Bangalore University (BU) will be held on December 5, 2022 at 11 a.m. in Jnanajyothi Auditorium, Central College campus.

According to a release from BU, M. Jagadeshkumar, Chairman, University Grants Commission, New Delhi, will be participating in the event as the chief guest and deliver the convocation address. Governor of Karnataka, Thaawarchand Gehlot, who is also the Chancellor of Bangalore University, will preside over the annual convocation, the release stated.

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All that piece and parcel of the residential vacant Site bearing Village Panchayath Katha No.69/61/6, situated at GRAMATHANA, Sulikunte Village, Sarjapura Road, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk measuring East to West 45 feet and 4 inches and North to South: 60 feet and bounded on

East by : Property of Venkatappa
West by : Property of S.N. Narayana Reddy
North by : Government Road
South by : Property of S.V. Rama Reddy

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Bangalore - 560 037.
Mail: vsradvocate37@gmail.com
Mobile : 9243110037 Date : 02/11/2022

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public are hereby notified that my client proposes to purchase the Schedule Property belonging to (1) Mr. Beppy Francis, S/o. Mr.M.A. Francis, (2) Mr. Joy Thomas, S/o. Mr. M.P. Thomas (3) Mr.Vincent Ignatius, S/o. Mr. T.I. Ignatius, (4) Mr.Alex J. Alexander, S/o. Mr. Job Alexander and (5) Mr. Jose Paul Chettupuzha, S/o. Mr. C.J. Mathew, residing at No. 307, 1st Cross, Cambridge Layout, Ulsoor, Bangalore – 560 008.

Any person/s having any claim/s in respect of the Schedule Property or objections for the proposed transaction including any claims by any of the tenants/lessee in possession of any portion of the Schedule Property or have any monetary claims under any Agreement of Lease or tenancy, may lodge their claims/objections with documentary proof duly attested with the undersigned within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which, thereafter my client shall proceed to complete the sale transaction and claims/objections received beyond the stipulated period will not be entertained.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece of parcel of the residential immovable property being a Vacant Site bearing Corporation No. 538/539, S.No. 9, SL.No. 8129, (formerly bearing Site No. 9, portion of Khata No.538/539, House List Khata No.316/4 carved out of Survey No.538 of Kalkere Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk), PID No.316/4, Situated at Kalkere Village K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, within the revenue administrative jurisdiction of Ward No. 25, Ramamurthynagar Sub-Division, Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Bangalore and including all rights, privileges and appurtenances thereto and site measuring:

East to West : 80 Feet
North to South : 50 Feet
Total Area : 4,000 Square Feet
and bounded as follows:
East by : Private Property (formerly Site No.4)
West by : 30 Feet Road
North by : Private Property (formerly Site No.10)
South by : Private Property (formerly Site No.8)

BANGALORE, DATE : 03.11.2022
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ವಾಸಾಇ/ಡಿವಿಜಿ/573/ಎಂಸಿಎ/2022–23 **ಸಹಿ/– ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್**

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, BBMP,
K.R.Pura Division, Old Madras Road, K.R.Pura,
Bengaluru – 560036.

No. EE/KRP/TND/08/2022-23 **Dated 02-11-2022**

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT) - (Short Term Tender Notification)
(Single Cover System) (Through GOK E-Procurement Portal)

The Executive Engineer (K. R. Pura) invites Item Rate tenders from eligible tenderers for the works details in the table given below. The tenderers may submit tenders for any or all of the works given in the table in appropriate class registered in Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike / CPWD / KPWD / Railways / any State or Central Government organization.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Estimated Cost in (Lakhs)	EMD Amount (In Rs.)
1	Construction of damaged compound wall and Flood preventive works in Ward No. 52 K. R. Pura (Call-2)	20.00	50,000/-

(1) Availability of RFP documents Date : **03-11-2022** onwards. **(2)** Last date for Tender queries and clarifications is **10-11-2022 upto 16.00 Hrs. (3)** Last date for submission of tender documents on or before **14-11-2022 at 16.00 Hrs. (4)** Tenders will be opened on website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** in the office of the Executive Engineer, K. R. Pura division on **16-11-2022 at 16.00 Hrs.**

For details, registration and e-payment visit GOK e-procurement website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** or contact e-procurement Helpdesk at 080-22631200.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
K. R. Pura Division, BBMP

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No. EE/KNNL/BNT/DN/PB-4/2022-23/940 Date: 02.11.2022

CORRIGENDUM

Ref No-EE/KNNL/BNT/DN/PB-4/2022-23/891 Date: 15.10.2022

Tenders were invited by the undersigned on behalf of Managing Director, KNNL, Bangalore from eligible bidders /contractors, for the works of Providing Irrigation facility for Drought Affected areas in Sedam Assembly Constituency, Kalaburgi District by lifting water from Kagina River "Yeddalli Lift irrigation Scheme" and Providing Irrigation facility for Drought Affected areas in Sedam Assembly Constituency, Kalaburgi District by lifting water from Kagina River "Ternalli Lift irrigation Scheme"(Indent No-34113)

The intending bidders can submit tenders / bids as an individual / Tie up, to be formed prior to the bidding only through e-procurement portal of Government of Karnataka website, https://www.eproc.karnataka. gov.in under Two Covers.(Technical and Financial)

The calendar of events will be as per the schedule in the e-procurement portal.

Calendar of events	Previous dates	Now to be read as
Date of commencement of : Sale of bidding document	dt: 18.10.2022 AT 11.30 AM	dt: 18.10.2022 AT 11.30 AM
Pre bid meeting :	dt :27.10.2022 10:30am	dt :15.11.2022 at 10:30am
Last date and time for Submission of bids	02.11.2022 AT 17.00 PM	18.11.2022 at 17.00pm
Time and date of : Opening of Technical Bid	03.11.2022 AT 5.30pm	19.11.2022 at 17.30 pm
Time and date of : dt: Opening of Financial Bid	After approval to technical bid the financial bid will be opened	After approval to technical bid the financial bid will be opened

Further any information / queries / clarifications can be had from the under signed through email: eeknnlhebbal@gmail.com& from helpline Nos of e-portal https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in during office hours, before date & time allowed / notified.

Note: Any change / extensions etc., in the tender schedule (calendar of events) will not be published / advertised through news papers, changes will be updated on/in e-procurement portal only.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
KNNL., BNT Project Divn, Hebbal.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

I, PARIMALA.S Spouse of No.14256399P Rank:- EX/NK Name:- Tamil Selvan.S Residing at #298, 4th Cross, Bhavaninagar, B.S.K.2nd Stage, Bengaluru-560070, Karnataka have changed my Date of Birth from 31-07-1980 to 13-02-1980 vide Affidavit Dated: 31-10-2022 before Notary Neha Baddi, Bangalore- 560011

THANKSGIVING

ST JUDE Thanks for listening to my prayers. Please Bless always. Dilna

CHANGE OF NAME

I, S.PARIMALA spouse of No: 14256399P Rank:- EX/NK Name: Tamilselvan.S. Residing at #298, 4th Cross, Bhavaninagar, B.S.K.2nd Stage Bengaluru-560070 Karnataka, have changed my name from S.Parimala to Parimala.S. vide Affidavit Dated: 31-10-2022 before Notary Neha Baddi, Bengaluru-560011

I, WILMA Machado, wife of MAJ. PP Machado (IC27370K), aged 64 years (DOB 15-06-1958) r/o of NO.6 Classic Enclave, Hennur Cross, Chelekere, Bengaluru, Karnataka, Pin 560043, do solemnly affirm that my correct name is Wilma Gertrude Machado vide affidavit No. IN-KA37844331360683U dated 22-09-2022 sworn before notary Ms. C.Sharada, Reg No. 12521

I, Hanumanula Hanisha alias Hanisha Veeragandham D/o Ramamohan Rao Hanumanula W/o Bhanu Prasad Veeragandham, R/o:D.No:139, 15th Ward, Mahaveer Nagar, Siruguppa, Bellary, Karnataka 583121 have changed my name to Hanisha Hanumanula for all purposes in future.

I, HARSHINI, D/o Sendilnathan.B, R/a No.44, 2nd Cross, Venkateshappa Layout, Seethamma Road, Kammanahalli, St Thomas Town Post, Bengaluru-560084 have changed my name to Harshini S vide affidavit dt: 29.10.2022 sworn before Notary Udaykumar.K, B'lore.

I, CHANDRIKAA Rukmini Padmanabha, W/o Abhilash.N, R/at No.82, 7th Main, 4th Cross, Gauravanagar, J P Nagar 7 th Phase, Bengaluru-560078, have changed my name from Chandrikaa Rukmini Padmanabha to Mythri Rukmini Padmanabha vide affidavit dated 31/10/2022 before Notary Uday Kumar.K, Bengaluru.

PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, T. Varalakshmi w/o R.Mahesh S R /O flat no. 301, Mk Nilayas,3rd Floor, sir Venkateshwara Layout, Mahadevapura post, Bangalore 560048, have changed my minor daughter's name from J. swetha shree to M.Abinaya vide affidavit dated 30:09:2022 before notary B.M. Chandrashekar , Bangalore

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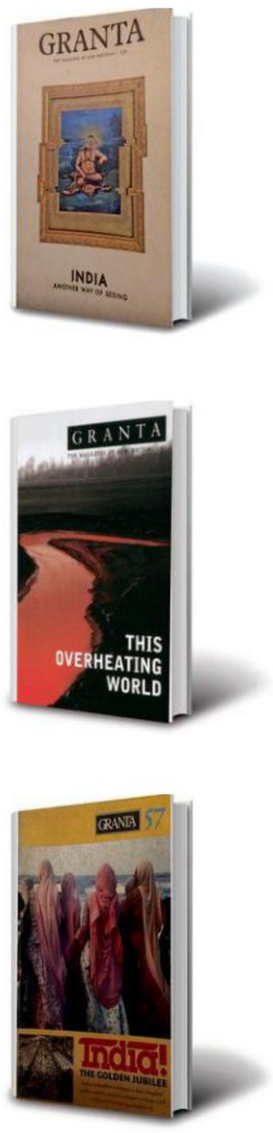


In remembrance: Ian Jack in front of a window display of *Granta* magazines. GRANTAMAG/TWITTER

Discovering India, and the world, with Ian Jack and Granta

The veteran journalist and editor ensured the magazine of 'new writing' got attention for the themes it picked, from global warming to perceptions of America. He also reported from the subcontinent and the two editions on India introduced many new Indian writers to the world

Sudipta Datta

When Ian Jack stepped down as editor of *Granta* in 2007 after helming it for 12 years, he wrote in his last introduction that he felt it was just right to leave the UK-based magazine. He said a "magazine of new writing" needs perpetual enthusiasm for what "new writing" may bring, and he had begun to worry that he was missing things. "All I have done," he said, is to obey "my instincts for the original, the interesting and the true." He pursued the idea that writing, if it can do nothing else, "should at least tell the reader something he didn't know before."

Ian Jack passed away suddenly last week at Paisley on the Firth of Clyde in Scotland, and the publishing world, and more importantly, his readers have been remembering the legacy of a 77-year-old journalist, editor and columnist. When he edited *Granta*, he ensured that the magazine had "its face pressed against the window, determined to witness the world," as a critic of the *London Observer* noted. He sent writers into the "real world" to describe the interesting or alarming things happening there which were yet to be turned into a book or manuscript. Jack's heroes were Anton Chekov and George Orwell, for their brevity and their alertness to the world they lived in.

The first warnings on the climate

In 2003, *Granta* published an issue on global warming (This Overheating World), which seemed like a premonition of approaching calamity. Matthew Hart reported from Greenland, "In its currents the ocean is printing news about our future, and we must keep up on the latest bulletins." He had joined a group of ocean scientists on board the research ship, Scotia, and they were studying the currents of the North Atlantic Sea, to check on the flow of warm and cold currents. From the collapse of zoo plankton due to overheating of the waters to a fall in cold-water production that would prove to be catastrophic in the future, Hart captured the changes in the ocean's heaving waters.

Others like Philip Marsden were noticing changes in the weather in Mongolia: rains in summer were lighter, the permafrost was melting and violent weather was becoming more frequent. Bill McKibben's title essay posed two questions 'Worried? Us?' He pointed out that by 1995, the world's climate scientists had organised themselves into a collective called the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and declared that "the balance of evidence suggests that there is a discernible human influence on global climate." And yet, "though we know that our culture has placed our own lives on a demonic fast-forward, we imagine that the earth must work on some other timescale."

The edition is far-sighted, in the light of the fact that climate conferences are still debating on the right global response to the increasing threat of climate change. Cut to 2022, and the November international climate summit will see leaders gathering in Sharm El-Sheikh for the 27th round of the Conference of Parties, with data showing that the world is not doing enough to stop global warming despite the warnings.

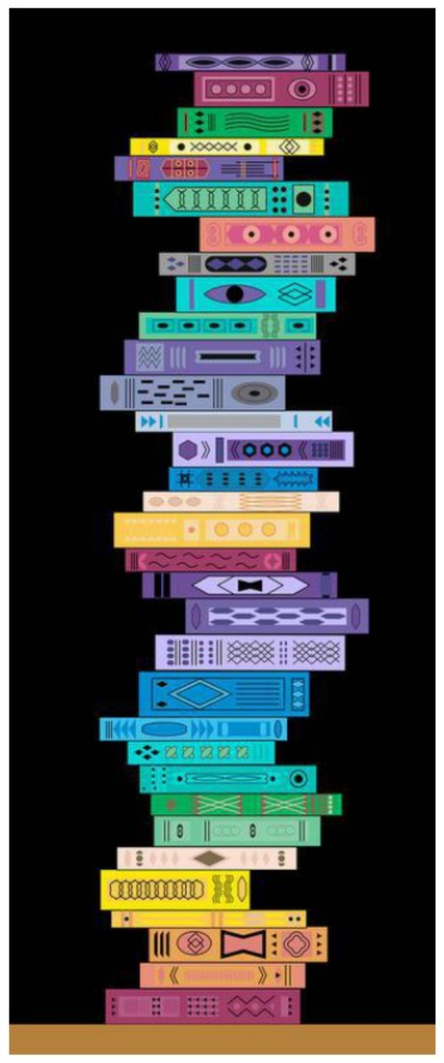
Against the current

Another *Granta* edition (77) looked at global perceptions of the U.S. The Spring 2002 issue, coming after the 9/11 attacks, posed the questions: "Is the U.S. really so disliked? If so, why?" Jack asked 24 writers from across the world to explain the role America had played in their lives. In the introduction, he wrote, "The pieces are not about that day [September 11], nor are they excuses for it. They are about how America has entered non-American lives, and to what effect, for good and bad and both."

Ramachandra Guha begins his piece with a delightful anecdote. At a garden party in Calcutta sometime in the late 1950s, a football kicked by the host's son broke a whisky bottle. Fragments of glass entered the arm of the U.S. Consul General, and he had to be stitched up in hospital, prompting the biologist J.B.S. Haldane to comment: "A little Bengali communist has successfully attacked an American imperialist." Later, when a Left Front government came to power in Bengal, one of its first acts was to name the street on which the U.S. Consulate stood after Ho Chi Minh. "The truth about America is that it is at once deeply democratic and instinctively imperialist," Guha says. Harold Pinter did not mince words, saying, America is a "fully-fledged, award-winning, gold-plated monster...it knows only one language – bombs and death." Egyptian writer Ahdaf Soueif wondered whether to be good for Americans the country had to be "bad for the rest of us."

Tales on India

Over the years Jack was editor, *Granta* wrote on cities and countries, London to Russia, family, children, the sea, on the death of Princess Diana - 'Those who felt differently' - and, of course, India. Jack first arrived in India in 1976 during the last months of the Emergency as a reporter, and found the country "remote and austere, resolved to... fulfil its aspirations in its own way." He travelled for weeks, and saw the force of "political freedom and universal suffrage" when his newspaper asked him to stay on and cover the 1977 elections called by Indira Gandhi. India became his second home for the next several years and he captured many of the changes, not least the movement of Hindu nationalism from the margins to the centre of politics. *Granta* did two editions on India, one in 1997 to coincide with the 50th anniversary of independence, and another in 2015, when Jack guest-edited issue No. 130/Another Way of Seeing. In it appeared the first excerpt in English of Vivek Shanbag's celebrated novella *Ghachar Ghochar*, translated by Srinath Perur. Celebrating a bustling Indian publishing industry, Jack wrote, "The Indian writer need no longer look over his shoulder at his imagined audience abroad; many if not most of his readers are much closer – are Indian like him and need no telling about samosas."



FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

"Good morning, sir".

"Good morning".

"Mr. Momin Salam of Payangadi refers to a headline in *The Hindu* and wants to know the different ways in which the word 'mistake' can be used. The headline was 'Killers were mistaken for security guards'."

"The general meaning of 'mistake' is 'wrong opinion, idea or act'.

He has made a mistake.

'By mistake' means 'as a result of carelessness, forgetfulness; in error'.

I am awfully sorry I took your briefcase by mistake.

By mistake I got into the wrong train.

'To mistake someone for something' means 'to wrongly suppose that something is something else'.

I mistook him for his brother.

He mistook him for the Director.

"How do you pronounce the word 'clerk', sir?".

"In British English, the 'e' in 'clerk' is pronounced like the 'a' in 'part'. In American English the 'e' is pronounced like the 'I' in 'bird' and 'third'. Both the pronunciations are correct. One is English and the other is American".

"What is the meaning of 'sic', sir? Miss Anandam Pillai of Trivandrum would like you to explain it".

" 'Sic' is a Latin word meaning 'thus it is'. If there is a mistake in the writing of a person and if you want to quote the particular passage, beside the mistake you write within brackets 'sic'. It means that the grammatical or spelling mistake is not yours but that of the original writer. The student wrote, 'I am grately (sic) embrased (sic) to report this'. What the student wrote has been reproduced. You see the word 'sic' beside "grately" and "embrased". The correct spellings are 'greatly' and 'embarrassed'. 'Sic' indicates that the spellings as found in the student's writing have been retained. I hope I have made myself clear. 'Sic' rhymes with 'pick' and 'kick'."

"What's the meaning of 'up to scratch', sir?"

" 'It is not up to scratch' means that it is not up to the standard.

His design is not up to scratch.

His performance is not up to scratch.

Generally it is used in the negative. Well, let's call it a day. Goodbye".

"Thank you, sir. Goodbye".

THE DAILY QUIZ

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QUESTION 1
In 1947, the first living creatures were sent to space aboard a V-2 rocket. Which animal?

QUESTION 2
In 1970, Venera 7 became the first spacecraft to soft land on another planet. Which planet?

QUESTION 3
What first is attributed to 'Oumuamua' that was discovered by Robert Weryk at the Haleakala Observatory in Hawaii on October 19, 2017?

QUESTION 4
What distinction does the Kuiper Belt object Arrokoth ((486958) 2014 MU69), that the New Horizons probe photographed on January 1, 2019, have?

QUESTION 5
On April 28, 2001, who paid nearly $20 million to take a rocket ride to the ISS and thereby become the first 'space tourist'?

QUESTION 6
What connects Georgy Dobrovolsky, Vladislav Volkov, and Viktor Patsayev, who were part of the Soyuz 11 mission?

QUESTION 7
On April 16, 2007, Sunita Sharma did something in space that is arduous even on terra firma. And she repeated it the next year on land. What did Sunita do?

Visual question:
Name the people walking in front of the statue of Yuri Gagarin and what firsts do they both have? AFP

Questions (abridged) and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz:

1. Shah Rukh Khan owns this cricket team in the Caribbean Premier League. **Ans: Trinbago Knight Riders**
2. The show and director with which Shah Rukh Khan signed first. **Ans: *Dil Dariya*, Lekh Tandon**
3. This show featuring Mr. Khan was written by a Booker Prize-winning Indian author. **Ans: *In Which Annie Gives It Those Ones* by Arundhati Roy**
4. Out of all the films he has done, this is Mr. Khan's favourite. **Ans: *Kabhi Haan Kabhi Naa***
5. *Swades* broke a ceiling by achieving this milestone. **Ans: It was the first Indian film to be shot inside the NASA research center at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida**
6. Shah Rukh Khan in *My Name is Khan* suffers from this neurological disorder. **Ans: Asperger syndrome**
7. The common link among the films *Darr*, *Zamaana Deewana*, *Yes Boss*, and *Har Dil Jo Pyar Karega*. **Ans: His name is Rahul in all of them**

Visual: This is a scene from this 1955 film. **Ans: *Devdas***

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Word of the day

Obsequious:
attempting to win favour from influential people by flattery

Synonyms:
fawning, sycophantic, bootlicking

Usage: *The Minister is always surrounded by obsequious people who shower him with attention.*

Pronunciation: bit.ly/3FBzgRM

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C.V. Raman hospital is second in India to start QR code-based patient registration

Patients coming to the outpatient department are able to share their demographic and personal details with the hospital just by scanning the code

Afshan Yasmeen
BENGALURU

Patients visiting the State-run C.V. Raman General Hospital in Bengaluru no longer have to wait in long queues to get their outpatient department (OPD) registration card. With the introduction of a QR code-based Fast Track Queue System for patient registration, patients coming to the OPD are able to share their demographic and personal details with the hospital just by scanning the code.

This helps reduce the time taken at the OPD registration counter, provides accurate data and, most importantly, avoids waiting in long queues. C.V. Raman General Hospital is the second government hospital in India, after the Centre-run Lady Hardinge Medical College (LHMC) in Delhi, where the National Health Authority (NHA) has taken up a pilot project, to introduce the QR code feature. The QR code-based registration has been enabled under the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM).

The QR code-based Fast Track Queue System at C.V. Raman General Hospital in Bengaluru.

State Health Commissioner Randeep D., who is also the State ABDM Mission Director, told *The Hindu* that patients can avail fast track registration by using Ayushman Bharat Health Account Number (ABHA number). Over three lakh health records of patients have already been linked in public hospitals in Karnataka.

Pointing out that this is just the start of a shift towards a digital ecosystem, the Commissioner said, "With more people opting for fast track registration, this system will be rolled out in Jayanagar General and K.C. General Hospitals in November."

How to cut the queue

"If a patient has an ABHA number, which is a 14-digit unique code validated using Aadhaar, registration is a two-step process. The patient can scan the hospital QR code, displayed at the registration counter, using a mobile phone and share the demographic profile with the hospital.

This will generate a token number on the patient's phone. The token number should be shown at the 'fast track counter' to get the OPD slip instantly," he explained.

"In case the patient does not have an ABHA number, one additional step of creating ABHA is required. This can be done at https://healthid.ndhm.gov.in/register," Mr. Randeep said.

"ABHA number-based fast track registration not only cuts down the wait time for patients visiting the hospitals, but also encourages hospitals to use digital registration systems since data entry is zero, except for minimal changes in the demographic details, if required. Almost all hospitals run by the Health Department in districts and taluks have e-hospital HMIS system, which is ABDM compliant,' he explained.

ABHA IDs

According to the NHA's ABDM dashboard, four out of the top seven hospitals across India, which have digitally linked patients' ABHA IDs with health records, are in Karnataka.

These are K.C. General and Jayanagar General hospitals in Bengaluru, and district hospitals in Dharwad and Udupi.

INBRIEF

Pledge against corruption on National Unity Day

The Office of the Directorate General, Fire and Emergency Services, Civil Defence and Home Guards on Monday celebrated National Unity Day. A pledge was administered against corruption to the staff of Home Guards, Civil Defence and Fire and Emergency personnel.

One-month workshop on birdwatching for children

In an effort to make birdwatching a more wholesome experience, Early Bird is organising a four-week online workshop for children aged between 10 and 13 from November 19. Children will be engaged with a combination of multimedia, guided interactions, lively discussions and activities. For details and registration on the workshop, visit https://bit.ly/YBW2022.

From Page One

14-year-old raped, murdered in Aland

As per the local people, she went out of the house to answer nature's call. When she did not return home after hours, her worried relatives and neighbours searched the neighbourhood and found her body in the nearby sugarcane field.

Activists have pointed out that this incident yet again highlights how women often fall victims while being out to answer nature's call since several rural homes still do not have toilets.

Under Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, crores of rupees were misappropriated by the officers to provide toilets to every house in the rural area, say activists. "The district was declared open defecation-free on paper. The ground reality, however, is that many homes in villages do not have functional toilets. Some households that were provided with toilets are defunct for various reasons. It is a big scam and the government should order an enquiry into it," said the State vice-president of Janawadi Mahila Sanghatane.

Superintendent of Police Isha Pant and Additional Superintendent of Police Prasanna Desai visited the place.

Text & Context
A weekday feature on *The Hindu* epaper (epaper.thehindu.com) carries explainers, special articles and a quiz. In the latest issue (November 3, Thursday), the following explainer is available:

- The new hybrid variant of mustard
bit.ly/mustardhybrid

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Activist alleges special treatment to Murugha Mutt seer in prison

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

City-based activist and advocate T. Narasimhamurthy has filed a complaint against Chitradurga district prison officials for allegedly allowing more number of visitors to meet jailed seer of Murugha Mutt in violation of the Karnataka Prison Manual. The complaint demanding action against the officials has been sent to Home Minister, Director-General and Inspector-General of Police and DGP, Prisons.

Mr. Narasimhamurthy's complaint is based on a Right to Information response by Superintendent, District Prison, Chitradurga, to his application, which revealed that the prison officials allowed 20 visitors to meet the seer during 23 days of his stay in the prison which is between September 7 to 29. The advocate contended that the Karnataka Prison Manual specified that the officials shall allow visitors who would be family, relatives, friends or legal advisor - one visitor a fortnight.

"So many visitors being allowed to visit the seer shows he is being given special treatment despite being arrested in a POCSO Act case. Mandatory instructions of the Karnataka Prison Manual and various Government Orders have been flouted by providing preferential treatment to the seer," Mr. Narasimhamurthy contended in his complaint. Mr. Narasimhamurthy also alleged that the prison officials refused to reveal the identity of the visitors citing that the information he sought was personal in nature.

"The government should take severe action against erring officials of Chitradurga district prisons and ensure strict adherence of the prison manual to ensure equal rights and privileges to the inmates as per the law," he said.

HC asks NHAI to inspect city's pothole filling and road resurfacing works

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The High Court on Karnataka on Wednesday directed the Chief Engineer, National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), Karnataka division, to inspect the works of pothole filling, road repair and resurfacing of the roads carried out by the Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palika (BBMP) in various parts of the city.

The inspection should be conducted to find out whether the terms of work orders were adhered to by the private contractors, engaged by the BBMP while executing the works, whether the quality of works is satisfactory.

Independent assessment

Also, the court told the Chief Engineer, NHAI, to make an independent assessment of these works and give his suggestion for improvement besides pointing out dereliction of duty on the part of the officers/engineers of the BBMP in maintaining standards in road works.

The court has said that inspection should be conducted to find out whether the terms of work orders were adhered to by the private contractors. FILE PHOTO

While leaving the option to NHAI's Chief Engineer either to carry out the inspection personally or assign the task to senior engineer of the NHAI, and the court directed him to submit a comprehensive report within four weeks.

A division bench comprising Chief Justice Prasanna B. Varale and Justice Ashok S. Kinagi passed the order while hearing PIL petition filed by Vijayan Menon and three other residents of the city on the issue of poor maintenance of city roads.

However, the Bench made it clear that this order should not be treated as stoppage of roadworks, and the ongoing pothole filling, road repair and resurface works can go on till further orders.

Independent agency

The Bench found it necessary to involve an independent third party to assess the works after noticing that the works executed by the private contractors are being assessed and certified only by the engineers of the BBMP.

The private contractors as well as the BBMP have been directed to cooperate with the NHAI for conducting inspection of the roads.

'No positive changes'

"It can only be said that in spite of various orders passed by this court and pendency of the PIL petition for more than 6-7 years there is no positive outcome. The observations made in earlier orders have remained only on papers. Road condition in the city even after span of 6 years not positively changed, and unfortunate suffers of this situation are citizens of Bengaluru city," the court observed.

The Bench also noted that several unfortunate incidents in which precious lives of citizens were lost due to potholes, which was one of the reason why the petitioners had filed the petition seeking direction for proper mechanism for maintaining roads in good condition.

Cases of smuggling narcotics into Parappana Agrahara jail on the rise

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Police said more cases are being reported now due to a new multi-agency, multi-layer security check in place

Alert security personnel recently busted an attempt to smuggle five grams of MDMA into Parappana Agrahara Central Prison and caught two persons, including a woman who was trying to handover the contraband to an undertrail waiting for the consignment.

Security personnel at the gates found the sticker on the pant's loop unusual and checked thoroughly. To their shock, the officials recovered two plastic pouches concealed inside the sticker containing five grams of MDMA worth ₹30,000.

This is the third such incident of security personnel catching narcotics being smuggled into the prison in just last two weeks. In two other cases, attempts to smuggle 90 grams of hashish oil filled in toothpaste tube were intercepted by alert security personnel.

Parappana Agrahara police said the menace of narcotics being smuggled into the prison complex has always been high and unchecked and now more cases were being reported due to a new multi-agency, multi-layer security check in place.

Earlier, the Prisons Department was responsible for the security at the Central Prison. However, with growing concerns over violation of norms in the prisons, a committee comprising of other agencies like the jurisdictional police, Central Crime Branch, Internal Security Division and prison officials now supervise security. With the new multi-layer security system put in place, more number of cases are being caught and reported.

Probe revealed that inmates who are booked for sourcing the drugs are addicts and peddlers, who were forcing their associates to get the drugs. In some cases, family members like mothers and wives and cousins were booked while in some cases the associates of the inmates were caught.

Previous cases

In October, head constable at the security check of the prison caught two youth trying to smuggle 3 grams of brown sugar concealed in the fly of a pant zipper

In July this year, police constable Asha Rani, while frisking Chaya T.R., found a plastic bottle concealed in her private part. Verification found that the bottle had 55 gm of hashish oil.

In June this year, a woman was arrested for attempting to smuggle hashish oil for her son lodged at the prison.

New postings given to nine IAS officers

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The State government on Wednesday appointed nine IAS officers, who were waiting to be posted, as Assistant Commissioners.

According to an official notification, the postings are as follows: Anmol Jain, Sakleshpur sub-division, Hassan; Lavish Ordia, Bidar; Rishi Anand, Madhugiri sub-division, Tumakuru district; Keerthana H.S., Mandya; Nongiai Mohd Ali Akram Shah, Pandavapura sub-division, Mandya district; Gitte Madhav Vitthal Rao, Chikkodi sub-division, Belagavi district; Shinde Avinash Sanjeevan, Lingasugur sub-division, Raichur district; Hemanth N., Ballari; and Ruchi Bindal, Hunsur sub-division, Mysuru district.

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THURSDAY, NOV. 03		
RISE	06:14	SET 17:53
RISE	14:28	SET 01:35
FRIDAY, NOV. 04		
RISE	06:14	SET 17:52
RISE	15:11	SET 02:29
SATURDAY, NOV. 05		
RISE	06:14	SET 17:52
RISE	15:50	SET 03:23

Bengaluru Weather	max	min
Tumakuru	29	23
Mysuru	28	20
Bengaluru	24	19

Bengaluru Today
26°C The weather will be comfortable but humid. Night will be slight cool. Few spells of moderate rain and thundershower will occur.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
25°C A cool and hazy morning turns comfortable day. Night will be cool and hazy. Spell of moderate rain and thundershower to occur.

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INBRIEF

Sitharaman watches 'Kantara' with BJP, RSS workers

The superhit Kannada film *Kantara* resonated at GIM that began in Bengaluru on Wednesday.

Piyush Goyal, Union Minister for Commerce & Industry, Consumer Affairs & Food & Public Distribution and Textiles, referred to it while talking about how the film had been a great critical as well as commercial success.

"They have crossed ₹300 crore against the investment of, I think, ₹16 crore. I think it should be noted by all the captains of the industry here," he said.

Later in the day, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman watched the film with BJP and RSS workers. She tweeted, "With a team of volunteers and well-wishers watched #KantaraMovie in Bengaluru. Well made @shetty_rishab (writer/director/actor). The film captures the rich traditions of Tuluvanadu and Karavali." She is learnt to have later called the maker of the film and congratulated him.

Amid global headwinds, India seen as an oasis of stability and calm, says FM

At the Global Investors' Meet, Sitharaman said the country's economy has its own challenges but they are not as severe as those seen by other nations

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Despite the global head winds, India is seen an oasis of stability and calm as the country has been able to keep challenges away by carefully firewalling the economy and keeping itself attractive for investments, said Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, at the Global Investors' Meet (GIM), a three-day investment exposition hosted by the Government of Karnataka here on Wednesday.

The Finance Minister said, during a recent visit to the U.S, investors had told her that India seemed like "an oasis of stability and calm" amid global macroeconomic headwinds. "It only shows that our country is clearly an attractive destination for investors even as industries and investors are moving out of China and Europe as these geographies are going through trying times, '' she said at the inaugural session of GIM.

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai with other dignitaries, including Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot, and Union Ministers Nirmala Sitharaman, Piyush Goyal, and Pralhad Joshi, at the inauguration of Invest Karnataka - 2022 in Bengaluru on Wednesday. K. MURALI KUMAR

Ms. Sitharaman said the country's economy has its own challenges but they were not as severe as those seen by other nations.

State's policies constant

Commenting on the capacities built by Karnataka in terms of business attraction and ease of doing businesses, she further said, Karnataka has carefully reflected the policies of the Union government and it also made sure its policies remained constant. Karnataka has been a leader in several business domains other than IT and ITES, she said. For instance, the State was a dominant player in renewable energy with a share of 63%.

It was the EV innovation hub, plus it was home to seven auto original equipment manufacturers, over 50 auto component manufacturers and 45 EV startups. In addition to these, the State was also moving at a fast pace in sectors such as mines and infrastructure, she added.

"All these made Karnataka more nimble footed and attractive as far as business development issues are concerned,'' she told a large audience of investors and enterprises.

Speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said, "Our competition is global. After COVID-19, the economic scenario globally has changed. Countries who were giants are fighting high inflation and recession. China Plus One is the buzzword and such destinations are very few. India is the major destination. We are going to convert this into an opportunity. The investment on paper should be on the ground.''

Mr. Bommai said, "We are expecting over ₹5 lakh crore investment and already the State High level Committee has given clearance for investment of over ₹2.8 lakh crore. This is our commitment to our investors and we are going to distribute the certificate of investment."

'Karnataka holding its position for 20 years despite political changes'

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BENGALURU

Karnataka is holding its position, attracting business investments from all over the world and growing its economy constantly over the last 20 years, irrespective of changes in political administration, said Sajjan Jindal, Managing Director, JSW Steel and CMD of JSW Group of Companies.

"The State has been the front runner in industrial growth in the last over 20 years. This clearly indicates that it truly offers the right economic growth environment," he said, while speaking at Global Investors' Meet on Wednesday.

Echoing similar sentiments, Vikram Kirloskar, CMD, Kirloskar Systems, said, "Despite all kinds of political power changes, the State has been growing steadily over decades as it has been capable of maintaining an attractive investment climate."

Addressing a mixed gathering comprising tech and non-tech leaders, Wipro Chairman Rishad Premji said Karnataka has been extremely successful in developing the IT Industry for India and so far the country's total IT exports may have exceeded the value of its oil imports. He said he was extremely bullish about long-term prospects of the IT industry despite current global economic concerns.

Sajjan Jindal, Chairman, JSW Group, Vikram Kirloskar, Vice-Chairman of Toyota Kirloskar Motor, and C.N. Ashwath Narayan, Minister for IT & BT, and Science & Technology, at the inauguration of the Global Investors' Meet. K. MURALI KUMAR

"My confidence is driven by two things: the rapid pace of digitisation across the world and the shift in the mindset of stakeholders who engage with us as an industry," Mr. Premji said.

Sterlite Power MD Pratik Agarwal said a large chunk of its proposed ₹50,000 crore investment in renewable energy would be in Karnataka. "We have planned to increase our renewal capacities ten-fold and invest close to ₹50,000 crore in renewable generation in the next five years. A large chunk of this investment will come to Karnataka," he confirmed.

Adani Group has already invested over ₹20,000 crore in multiple sectors including cement, power, city gas, and edible oil to transport, logistics and digital, according to Karan Adani, CEO of Adani Ports & SEZ. "In all sectors combined, we would be investing almost ₹ 1 lakh crore in the next seven years in the State," Mr. Adani added. Mr. Jindal also said in over 20 years, Jindal Group has invested over ₹1 lakh crore in Karnataka while a similar size of investment would be made in the State in the next five years.

Investments of ₹2.1 lakh crore on day one of Global Investors' Meet

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BENGALURU

Karnataka, on the first day of the Global Investors' Meet, has raked in investments of ₹2.1 lakh crore, garnering almost half of its target of ₹5 lakh crore. The total proposal received is worth ₹8 lakh crore, said Industries Minister Murugesh R. Nirani.

Wednesday's top investor was Vedanta with ₹80,000 crore to set up renewable energy projects in the State. ABC Cleantech invested ₹50,000 crore to start ventures in green hydrogen and derivatives; Airtel invested ₹15,000 crore to scale up telecom infrastructure while its rival Reliance Jio Infocomm invested ₹11,000 crore.

O2 Power has also invested ₹1,000 crore in green hydrogen and derivatives; Epsilon ₹9,000 crore in electronics semiconductor and design business; AGP City Gas ₹8,000 crore in infrastructure and industrial parks; Leap Green Energy ₹7,500 crore in renewable energy; Suncatcher Renewables ₹4,500 crore also in electronics semiconductor and design, and Dalmia Cement (Bharat) pumped in ₹3,000 crore to set up infrastructure and industrial parks in the State.

"We are extremely confident of exceeding our target, as we are seeing good conversion," said Mr. Nirani. According to the Minister, a large number of global corporations, especially the ones focused on power, mining, manufacturing, engineering, electronics, chip manufacturing, semiconductor etc, are very keen on investing in the State or expanding their existing businesses here.

Top 10 investment MoUs signed on day one of Invest Karnataka - 2022

Sector	Company	Investment size (in ₹ crore)
Renewable energy	Vedanta	80,000
Green hydrogen and derivatives	ABC Cleantech	50,000
Telecom infrastructure	Airtel	15,000
Telecom infrastructure	Reliance Jio Infocomm	11,000
Green hydrogen and derivatives	O2 Power	10,000
Electronics semiconductor and design	Epsilon	9,000
Infrastructure and industrial parks	AGP City Gas	8,000
Renewable energy	Leap Green Energy	7,500
Electronics semiconductor and design	Suncatcher Renewables	4,500
Infrastructure and industrial parks	Dalmia Cement (Bharat)	3,000

Source: Industries Ministry

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> **MURUGESH R. NIRANI**
> Industries Minister

Long investment associations

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Karnataka's long-standing position as an investment destination came in for praise at GIM.

Vikram Kirloskar, CMD, Kirloskar Systems, also said, his family was invited to Karnataka and Bengaluru by Maharaja Krishnaraja Wadiyar in 1930 and therefore Kirloskars have a a long-standing relationship with the State.

Sajjan Jindal, MD, JSW Steel and CMD of JSW Group of Companies, talked of his family's association with the State, "My uncle S.R Jindal came to Bengaluru in early '70s on a business exploratory visit. He was very impressed by the the industries secretary of Karnataka. He encouraged all in the family to invest in Karnataka and what is why I came to Bengaluru around 30 years ago," recalled Mr. Jindal.

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INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (IFT)
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1. The Deputy General Manager-2, BSWML invites tenders on behalf of the Managing Director, BSWML, Bengaluru from eligible Tenderers for the Project management consultancy works detailed in the table below. The tenderers may submit tenders for works given in the table through e-procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka (viz https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in). The Tenderers are advised to note the minimum qualification criteria specified as per KC-6 and KC-7 standard tender documents.
2. Tender documents may be downloaded from the e-procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka.
3. Tenders must be submitted online through e-procurement portal on or before **16.00** hours on **16.11.2022** and the opening of tenders will be as per the e-procurement portal guidelines.
4. Other details can be seen in the tender documents.

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Project Period
1.	Providing Project Management Consultant to provide Support and Services to Bengaluru Solid Waste Management Limited (BSWML)	One Year

1. Qualification documents along with necessary information/documents must be uploaded to the e-procurement portal **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** as per tender document on or before 16:00 hours on **16-11-2022** and First Folder containing the Techno-Commercial tender will be opened through e-portal only on **17-11-2022** after 16:30 hours at the stipulated venue, in the presence of the Tenderers or their authorized representatives who wish to attend. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the tenders as specified, the tenders will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.
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Sr. DSTE/Co-ordn/MAS acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders for the following works:

1	**E-Tender No.: M/SG.2022-23/311** **Name of work:** Provision of Earth leakage Detectors (ELD's), improvement of Earthing, Replacement of EKT at LC gates (Midsection) in Chennai Division and Improvement of Earthing at S&T installations in ADSTE/MAS & ADSTE/AJJ jurisdiction **Approx. Cash value (Rs.):** 1,41,32,278/- . **Period of Completion:** 8 Months.
2	**E-Tender No.: M/SG.2022-23/312** **Name of work:** Reliability Improvement works in Signalling and Telecommunication over Chennai Division. **Approx. Cash value (Rs.):** 2,35,19,586/-. **Period of Completion:** 10 Months.
3	**E-Tender No.: M/SG.2022-23/313** **Name of work:** Provision of Telecommunication work in connection with Shifting of S&T control office to New HU/NGO (Heritage building). **Approx. Cash value (Rs.):** 57,72,817/-. **Period of Completion:** 3 Months.

The complete details of the tender can be downloaded from the e-tender portal **http://www.ireps.gov.in** and can be seen on the Notice Board at the office of ***Senior Divisional Signal and Tele Communication Engineer/Co-ordn,*** *Chennai Division, DRM office, Chennai – 600 003.*

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No: EE/PRED/BNG(U)/TND/AE-3/32/2022-23 Dated: 31-10-2022

E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tenders are invited through e-Procurement by the Executive Engineer, P.R.E.D. Bangalore Urban, For Linkayavyaya-Veterinary-2022-23, 2515-00-196-1-22-300-Untied-Library -2022-23, 3054-80-196-1-03/2022-23, 2515-00-196-1-22-300-Untied-School-2022-23, Fundamental Facilities / 2022-23 & Under 2515 Link Document ZP Building Maintenance / 2022-23 Grants Works. The work details can be obtained from the e-Procurement Website. The Tender Documents can be obtained and submitted **on or before 17-11-2022 upto 4.00 PM.** Further details can be obtained from Website at **http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** or contact this office during office working hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Panchayath Raj Engineering Division,
Bangalore Urban Dist, Bengaluru.

DIPR/CP/2883/
Adverto/2022-23

DEPARTMENT OF PRISONS AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICE KARNATAKA STATE
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT CENTRAL PRISON, PARAPPANA AGRAHARA, ELECTRONIC CITY POST, BANGALORE-560100

No.CPB/TENDER/2022-23 Date: 25/10/2022

E-PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Selection of Vendor to build, operate and maintainance of Telecom Tower and other related passive infrastructure for the Telecom requirements of Department of Prisons and Correctional Services Central Prison Bengaluru through e-procurement as per KTPP 1999 and 2000 Act.

01	e-Tender Published Date	25-10-2022
02	To serve Office	Central Prison Bengaluru
03	Tender EMD Amount	2.25 lakhs
04	Beginning of Tender Form Upload	25-10-2022
05	Last Date of Tender Queries and Clarifications	07-11-2022, 05.00 pm
06	Last Date of Upload Tender	25-11-2022, 05.00 pm
07	Opening of Technical bid	28-11-2022, 10.00 am
08	Pre bid meeting date and place	07-11-2022, 2.00 pm, Central Prison Bangaluru
09	Tender Accepting Authority	Chief Superintendent, Central Prison, Bangaluru Ph: 080-25733809
10	Official website Address	http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/-
CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT
CENTRAL PRISON, BENGALURU

DIPR/CP/VCPL/2870/2022-23

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer (Projects-Central-04) Division, N.R. Square, Bengaluru - 560 002.

No.EE/PC-4/TEND/04-Call-2/2022-23 Date: 02.11.2022

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (IFT) (Call-2)
(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only)

The Executive Engineer (Projects-Central-04) Division, invites tenders from eligible tenderers for the works detailed in the table below:

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Approx. Amt. put to tender (Rs. in lakhs)	EMD (Rs. in lakhs)
1	Repairs and upgradation of Urban Primary Health Centres (UPHC) in East, Yelahanka, Mahadevapura & Dasarahalli Zones of BBMP limits.	910.72	Rs.13.70 lakhs (Rs. 1 lakh through e-procure ment & remaining as specified in bid document.

1) Tender documents may be downloaded from e-procurement portal. **2)** Last date for receipt of queries: **07.11.2022 upto 5.30 p.m. 3)** Pre-bid meeting: **08.11.2022 at 4.00 p.m 4)** Last date for submission of tenders: **11.11.2022 upto 5.30 p.m. 5)** Date of opening of technical bids: **14.11.2022 at 4.00 p.m.** Further details can be obtained from office of the undersigned or GoK e-procurement website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, (Project Central-04) Division.

OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE

DEATH

With profound grief, we regret the demise of our beloved Mother
RAJESWARI SUBRAMANIAM (96)
W/o Late. K.S. Subramaniam
on Sunday, 23rd Oct 2022.
Subham on 4th Nov 2022.
Deeply Mourned by
Sons & Daughter & All Relatives
K.S. Padmanabhan - 9840070654

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

27th Death Anniversary
Mrs. T. Vatsala Ramachandra

DOB : 03.11.1918 DOD : 27.01.1991 DOB : 25.01.1925 DOD : 03.11.1995

In ever loving remembrance of our Founder Chairperson

INSERTED BY TRUSTEES
DR. A. RATHNASABAPATHY
C. RAMGOPAL
C. RAJENDRA
C. RAGHUNANDHAN
B.S. PURSHOTHAM
R.V. SUNDARAM
T.V. SEKAR

Thatikonda Vatsala Ramachandra Foundation Chennai.

INBRIEF

Byju's to continue operations from facility in Kerala capital

Edutech company Byju's, which had earlier decided to lay off all of its employees at its centre in Technopark, Thiruvananthapuram, has decided to continue its operation at the centre after Byju Raveendran, CEO & founder of the company, held talks with Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan.

Delhi HC notice to ED on DKS' plea against probe

The Delhi High Court on Wednesday asked the Enforcement Directorate to reply to a petition by Karnataka Congress leader D.K. Shivakumar challenging a money laundering probe initiated against him. A Bench of Justices Mukta Gupta and Anish Dayal gave the direction on the plea and posted it for hearing on December 15.

Senior advocate Kapil Sibal, representing Mr. Shivakumar, argued that the probe in the present instance, pursuant to a case registered in 2020, cannot be sustained as it reinvestigates the offence which the agency already investigated.

Governor is trying to run a parallel govt., says Pinarayi

Kerala CM inaugurates LDF's convention to protect higher education; says repeated interventions made by Arif Mohammed Khan in the State's universities are part of a plan to saffronise education

The Hindu Bureau
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Tough talk: Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan at the LDF's convention in Thiruvananthapuram on Wednesday. S. MAHINSHA

Accusing Governor Arif Mohammed Khan of attempting to run a parallel government, Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan said that repeated interventions in the State's universities should be seen as part of a plan to bring them under the control of the Sangh Parivar and saffronise higher education.

Mr. Vijayan was speaking after inaugurating the Left Democratic Front's convention to "protect the higher education sector and resist moves against Kerala" here on Tuesday.

The convention kicked off the LDF's wider campaign to reach out to the public to convey its side of the story in the ongoing tussle with the Governor and the Union government.

CPI(M) State secretary M.V. Govindan said that over the next two weeks the Left parties would organise house visits, campus protests and district conventions on the issue, culminating with a march of one lakh people to the Raj Bhavan. "Kerala has made major strides in the higher education sector with our universities scoring high grades in national rankings. Now, our priority is to connect the sector to the knowledge explosion happening globally. However, the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh and the Sangh Parivar are getting uneasy at this prospect, because they want the youth, who will decide India's future, to remain under their control," said Mr. Vijayan.

HC seeks response of Chancellor to V-Cs' petitions

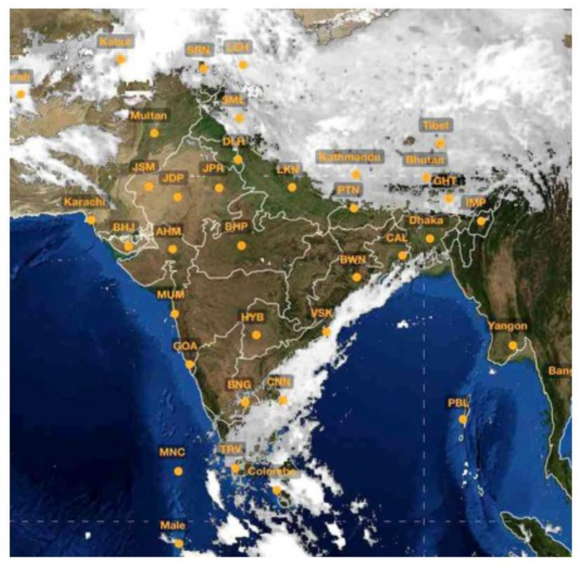
The Hindu Bureau
KOCHI

The Kerala High Court on Wednesday sought the response of the Chancellor (Governor) to the petitions filed by the Vice-Chancellors of eight universities challenging the show-cause notice issued by him asking them to explain their legal authority to continue as Vice-Chancellors.

The V-Cs submitted that the statutory authority was not legally competent to decide whether the V-Cs' appointment was void or not.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Thursday: Heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Karaikal, Kerala and Mahe. Thunderstorm accompanied with lightning likely at isolated places over Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Karaikal, Kerala and Mahe

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	33.4	22.8	Kozhikode	—	34.3	25.4
Ahmedabad	—	35.0	18.7	Kurnool	1	32.4	22.8
Aizawl	—	—	15.6	Lucknow	—	31.2	16.4
Allahabad	—	32.7	16.2	Madurai	—	34.2	23.4
Bengaluru	8	24.0	18.8	Mangaluru	—	32.4	24.0
Bhopal	—	31.9	13.9	Mumbai	—	34.6	21.0
Bhubaneswar	—	32.4	21.5	Mysuru	2	28.9	20.0
Chandigarh	—	31.2	18.7	New Delhi	—	31.0	15.5
Chennai	129	26.1	23.0	Patna	—	30.8	20.0
Coimbatore	—	31.2	22.0	Port Blair	—	31.0	23.8
Dehradun	—	28.8	15.4	Puducherry	20	27.2	21.6
Gangtok	—	20.2	11.0	Pune	—	30.6	17.2
Goa	—	33.8	22.4	Raipur	—	30.4	20.5
Guwahati	—	31.9	20.6	Ranchi	—	27.5	16.6
Hubballi	—	29.0	19.0	Shillong	—	23.1	13.5
Hyderabad	0.5	28.2	19.8	Shimla	—	20.4	11.7
Imphal	—	28.3	12.1	Srinagar	0.2	18.5	5.0
Jaipur	—	33.2	19.8	Thiruvananthapuram	—	31.6	24.2
Kochi	0.2	31.0	24.6	Tiruchi	—	29.9	23.6
Kohima	—	24.5	10.5	Vijayawada	0.4	30.2	24.4
Kolkata	—	32.0	23.7	Visakhapatnam	—	33.0	25.8

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.71	127	.13	...204	...177	
Bengaluru	...6	..13	.27	55	61	
Chennai	...3	..35	.57	28	26	
Delhi	.22	124	.64	...432	...434	
Hyderabad	...7	..32	.41	...201	.....—	
Kolkata	.17	..23	.21	...136	...126	
Lucknow	.11	..92	150	...225	...238	
Mumbai	...9	..85	.74	...250	...149	
Pune	..—	..24	.60	.....—	.....—	.....—
Visakhapatnam	.28	..32	.22	85	99	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Delhi recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 376 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Shillong, Meghalaya recorded a healthy AQI score of 20

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Panamaram heronry in Kerala set to get a new lease of life

E.M. Manoj
KALPETTA

Panamaram heronry, the largest breeding ground of different species of herons in Kerala's Malabar region, is set to get a fresh lease of life, thanks to the intervention of the Kerala State Biodiversity Board (KSBB) and the Panamaram grama panchayat.

The heronry, formed on a sandbank on the Panamaram river, is a breeding ground for nine species of waterbirds.

"The tiny islet is a haven for globally threatened waterfowls, including the black headed-ibis, purple heron, large egret, median egret, little egret, pond heron, night heron, and little cormorant," says ornithologist C.K. Vishnudas.

The site is also the only location in State where the cattle egret breeds, Mr. Vishnudas adds. A few years ago birds like lesser whistling duck, jacanas, and moore bred on the wetlands near the site. However, human intervention has left a negative impact on the avian habitat, he added.

The members of the civic body have joined hands with the KSBB, which granted ₹3 lakh, to conserve the heronry. "We are planning to set up a watch tower with binoculars on the opposite bank of the site to watch the birds and plant saplings of bamboo and vetiver to stop the erosion of the sandbanks during monsoon at a cost of ₹6 lakh," Thomas Parakkalayil, vice president, Panamaram grama panchayat told *The Hindu*.

Haven for waterfowls: Panamaram heronry is a breeding ground for nine species of waterbirds. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

BANGALORE WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD

INVITATION FOR TENDER
(Only Through e-Procurement Portal)

BWSSB invites Tenders from Registered Contractors for the following works.

Office of the Chief Engineer (WWM-West), 6th Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bengaluru - 560009

Sl No.	Division	IFT Number	Amount put to Tender / EMD Amount	Last date & time for Submission of Tender	Date & time for Opening of Tender
1.	(WWM-Network) V.V	BWSSB/EE(WWM-Network)-V.V/PB/946/2022-23 Dated: 31.10.2022	₹ 16.24 Lakhs / ₹ 40,600/-	17.11.2022 upto 5:30 pm	19.11.2022 at 4:00 pm
2.	(WWM-N) H&A	BWSSB/EE(WWM-N)H&A/PB/1034/2022-23 Dated: 25.10.2022	₹ 92.74 Lakhs / ₹ 1.85 Lakh	09.11.2022 upto 5:30 pm	14.11.2022 at 12:00 noon

Sd/-
Executive Engineer (WWM-Network) V.V

Sd/-
Executive Engineer (WWM-N) H&A

The detail regarding the tender & participation in the e-procurement portal process can be obtained by logging on to **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** For further details contact the undersigned office during working hours. DIPR/2889/2022-23

KRISHNA BHAGYA JALA NIGAM LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka Under Taking)
Office of the Executive Engineer, KBJNL.NRBC.Divn.No.4 Chikkahonnakuni,
Tq: Devadurga.Dist:Raichur-584 111. KARNATAKA
Email Id: eenrbc4@gmail.com

No: KBJNL/NRBC/D-4/PB-1/28 Tankfilling/Corrigendum/2022-23/613 Dated:25.10.2022

CORRIGENDUM NOTIFICATION (Through e- Procurement only)

Reference:- This office Notification No. KBJNL/NRBC/D-4/PB-1/28 Tankfilling/TND/2022-23/611, Dated:21-10-2022

In Continuation of this office tender notification vide under reference cited above in respect of work Indent N0.23107, Now Addendum is issued. Due to technical problem Qualification criteria in tender notification, the modified Qualification criteria read as follows.

Sl No	PUBLISHED QUALIFICATION CRITERIA AS	QUALIFICATION CRITERIA TO BE READ AS
B(c)	Tendering by a joint venture is permissible with maximum of three partners subject to the following conditions (following conditions are in Original Notification Sl No **a** to **f** under section C in qualification criteria)	Tendering by a joint venture is permissible with maximum of two partners subject to the following conditions (following conditions are in Original Notification Sl No **a** to **f** under section C in qualification criteria)
B(d)	The qualification criteria can be satisfied by individually or JV (adding collectively the credentials of all JV partners). The lead partner should have achieved at least 50% of prescribed annual turnover (pre-qualification criteria), in any of the 2 financial years during the last 5 years (i.e., 2017-18 to 2021-22). Audited Profit and Loss account certified by a practicing Chartered Accountant along with copy of income Tax returns filed for the years indicated above should be furnished.	The qualification criteria can be satisfied by individually or JV (adding collectively the credentials of all JV partners). All the partners should have achieved at least 25% of prescribed annual turnover (Prequalification criteria), in any of the 2 financial years during the last 5 years (i.e., 2017-18 to 2021- 22). Audited Profit and Loss account settlement certified by a practicing Chartered Accountant bearing the UDI Number along with copy of income Tax returns filed for the years indicated above should be furnished. Charted accountant's certificate without UDI (Unique document identification) Number will not be considered.
B(f)	The intending bidder should have supplied, installed, commissioned and maintained at least **4 Nos.** of VT Pumps and Motors of capacity not less than **1750 HP** and should have minimum two year of experience in Operation and Maintenance. The certificate should be issued by an officer not below the rank of Executive Engineer of the concerned Division / Equivalent officer and countersigned by the SE of the concerned Circle / next higher officer.	The intending bidder should have supplied, installed, commissioned and maintained at least **2 Nos.** of VT Pumps and Motors of capacity not less than **1750 HP** and should have minimum one year of experience in Operation and Maintenance. The certificate should be issued by an officer not below the rank of Executive Engineer of the concerned Division / Equivalent officer and countersigned by the SE of the concerned Circle / next higher officer.

Note: 1) The terms and conditions as in original tender notifications remain unchanged except above Qualification criteria.
2) Further information may be had from the office of the undersigned during office hours or http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in

DIP/Raichur/389/MAC/2022-23

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
KBJNL, NRBC, DivisionNo.4,
CHIKKAHONNAKUNI-584111

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No.CEE/TZH/SEE/EE(C)37/2022-23/16762-67 Dated: 31.10.2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(E-Procurement mode only)

KPTCL invites tenders through e-Procurement mode tender from registered KPWD Civil Contractors having EPF registration and fulfilling the all other requirements as in NIT (of e-procurement), for the execution of 6 No.s of capital works (within Dakshina kannada and Shivamogga district jurisdiction): Work indent No: 9830 & 9831 (reserved for SC), 9832 (reserved for ST) and 9833, 9834, 9835 (All the three works for general) (All are CALL-1).

Interested tenderers directly can access the tendering website **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** hyperlink "e-procurement" from **04.11.2022 onwards** for detailed NIT and to participate in the tenders through e-procurement. Further details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.

Sd/-, Chief Engineer Electry.,
Transmission Zone, KPTCL, 3rd Floor, Prasarana Bhavana, Santhepete, B.M. Road, Hassan-573201. Telephone: 08172-231051.

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, DIVISION, CHITRADURGA
Gmail.ID :eectapwd@mail.com

SHORTTERM E-TENDER NOTIFICATION FOR PREPARATION OF DETAILED PROJECT REPORTS (DPR'S) FOR THE PROPOSED WORKS TO BE TAKENUP UNDER CEPMIZ

Short Term Tender Notification No. 72/2022-23/ 2703 Dated: 31.10.2022

The Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Division, Chitradurga is inviting tenders for preparation of Detailed Project Reports (DPR's) for the Proposed improvements approximately **83.30 km** length State Highway, Major District Road and Other District Roads works to be taken up under CEPMIZ as per Standard Bidding Document (KC-4) and KPWD Norms.

Name of work:- (1) **Construction of CC Road from Mining Road Corridor-4 lane from Ch.0.00 to 13.00 km in Chitradurga Taluk of Chitradurga District (Sesagoa Mining Gate to Lakshmisagara NH-48 Road). Proposed length in kms.: 13.00 EMD:_ Workwise EMD Details may be obtained through E-Proc Portal.** (2) **Package No.1: a) Improvements to Hirebennuru-Sirigere-Sasalu road from KM 0.00 to 13.00 in Chitradurga Taluk of Chitradurga District -CC Road (up to D. Madakripura) b) Improvements to Sirigere to Bommenhalli Via Kadleguddu 15 Km in Chitradurga Taluk of Chitradurga District -CC Road (Proposed ch 0.00 to 13.50 KM) c) Improvements to Hirebennur-Sirigere- Sasalu road from Km 13.00 to 17.50 & Km 18.10 to 21.60 in Holalkere Taluk of Chitradurga District (8 kms) d) Improvements to Road from Mathighatta Chitradurga Taluk Border Km 0.00 to 15.50 in Holalkere Taluk of Chitradurga District. (15.30 kms). Proposed length in kms. a) 13.00 b) 13.50 c) 8.00 d) 15.30 Total: 49.80 EMD:- Workwise EMD Details may be obtained through E-Proc Portal.** (3) **Package No.2: a) Improvements to Road from Holalkere taluk Shivaganga to Hosadurga Chikkabyaladakere Cross Road Via Jankal - Hosadurga -Hagalakere-Mathodu road from Km 0.00 to 75.60 in selected reaches 59.30 Km to 67.40 and 70.50 to 75.60 km (Total 13.20 km) in Hosadurga Taluk of Chitradurga District b) Improvements to Road from Holalkere taluk State Highway-48 Vishwanathanahalli to Sira border via Chikkajajur, Madadakere, Bharamagiri, Doddaghatta, Adivala, Ranganathapura Road from km 0.00 to 125.40 (in selected reaches 49.10 km to 51.90 Km and 53.50 to 54.00km) (Total 3.30 km) in Hosadurga Taluk of Chitradurga District. c) Construction of Bypass Road at Hanumanagudda and Bandravi Village in Molakalmuru Taluk of Chitradurga District (4.00 kms). Proposed length in kms. a) 13.20 b) 3.30 c) 4.00 Total: 20.50 EMD:- Workwise EMD Details may be obtained through E-Proc Portal.**

Tender Process Details : (1) Tender Dcoument can be downloaded in E Proc Portal from 05.11.2022 to 14.11.2022 upto 15.00 Hours (2) Pre bid meeting on 05.11.2022 at 11.30 Hours (o/o Executive Engineer Office, PWD Division Chitradurga) (3) Last date & Time for Receipt of Tenders 14.11.2022 upto 16.30 Hours (4) Date & Time for opening of Technical bid 15.11.2022 at 11.30 Hours (5) Date & Time of Opening of Financial Proposal: will be informed separately to those consultants whose technical proposal is accepted. (6) Corrigendums, Addendums and Modifications in Notification if any will be published in E-procurement Portal only. Terms of Reference may be downloaded in E-Procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka (http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in) from 05.11.2022. Registered Consultancy firms in E-Procurement are eligible to participate in any number of tender, But on consultancy firm is eligible to obtain Tender.

DIPR/CTA/MCA/661/2022-23 Sd/- Executive Engineer, PWD, Chitradurga.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY
(CONSTRUCTION ORGANISATION)
E-TENDER

Tender Notice No. 03-DCE-CN-III-MDU-2022 dated 31.10.2022
Tender Notice No. 04-DCE-CN-III-MDU-2022 dated 31.10.2022
Tender Notice No. 05-DCE-CN-III-MDU-2022 dated 31.10.2022
Tender Notice No. 06-DCE-CN-III-MDU-2022 dated 31.10.2022

For and on behalf of The President of India, invites e-tender for the following work(s) as per Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) in our portal **www.ireps.gov.in**. The tenderers/Contractors intending to apply for the tender needs to get enrolled in the portal **www.ireps.gov.in** and only online tenders will be accepted. The cost of tender form and the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) should be made through online payment gateway available in the website by the way of multiple bank's, net banking, debit card and credit.

1	**Tender No. Date : 03-DCE-CN-III- MDU-2022 dated 31.10.2022** **Name of Work**: Proposed new line between Tuticorin and Madurai Via Aruppukottai Proposed Housekeeping and Hospitality Services for the Construction Camp Office at Tuticorin Station. **Approximate cost of the work:** Rs. 7,09,440.00. **Earnest Money to be deposited:** Rs. 14,200.00. **Completion Period of work:** 24 Months.
2	**Tender No. Date : 04-DCE-CN-III-MDU-2022 dated. 31.10.2022** **Name of Work**: Elimination of Manned Level crossing in between Vanchi Maniyachi-Nagercoil Stations: Proposed Housekeeping and Hospitality Services for the Construction Camp Office at TIRUNELVELI Station. **Approximate cost of the work:** Rs.7,70,384.00. **Earnest Money to be deposited:** Rs. 15,400.00. **Completion Period of work:** 24 Months.
3	**Tender No. Date : 05-DCE-CN-III-MDU-2022 dated 31.10.2022** **Name of Work**: Elimination of Manned Level crossing in between Vanchi Maniyachi-Nagercoil Stations: Proposed Housekeeping and Hospitality Services for the Construction Camp Office at TENKASI Junction. **Approximate cost of the work:** Rs.7,70,624.00. **Earnest Money to be deposited:** Rs. 15,400.00. **Completion Period of work:** 24 Months.
4	**Tender No. Date : 06-DCE-CN-III-MDU-2022 dated 31.10.2022** **Name of Work**: Brightening of Construction Camp Office at Tenmalai. **Approximate cost of the work:** Rs.14,38,420.14. **Earnest Money to be deposited**: Rs.28,800.00. **Completion Period of work:** 2 Months.

Cost of Tender Form: Rs.0.00.

Closing Date and Time of tender through IREPS Web Portal : 11.00 Hours on 25.11.2022.

Date and time of tender opening through IREPS Web Portal : 11.30 Hours on 25.11.2022.

Website Particulars: www.ireps.gov.in

Notice board particulars where details can be obtained: Office of the Deputy Chief Engineer, Construction –III, Arasaradi, Madurai - 625 016.

Note: The Detailed terms and conditions and other details have already been uploaded in the website **www.ireps.gov.in.** The Tender is subject to GST rule applicable from time to time.

Deputy Chief Engineer, Construction - III, Madurai

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Seeds of hope

Scientific consent must dictate product availability to farmers and consumers

After years of being in limbo, there is a surge of optimism around DMH-11, or Dhara Mustard Hybrid-11, a variety developed using genetic engineering techniques by Indian scientists and public funds. The Genetic Engineering Appraisal Committee (GEAC), the apex regulator and an arm of the Environment Ministry, last week cleared the variety for environmental release. The seed can be grown in fields for producing more of its kind and is a precursor to it being approved for commercial release. DMH-11 employs genes from soil bacterium that makes mustard, a self-pollinating plant, amenable to being crossed with other varieties and producing hybrid varieties. Hybrid varieties are generally more vigorous and, in the case of mustard, an oil seed, will produce more oil. Despite having varieties of mustard, India continues to be a net oil importer due to poor yields. The food crisis due to the Ukraine war has only exacerbated the problem. Despite decades-long trials, mustard hybrids have not made it to Indian farmers because of activists opposed to genetic modification technology in principle and some farmer groups that believe them to be dangerous.

While several top scientists and agricultural experts have cheered the GEAC approval, the celebration ought to be muted. In 2017 too, GEAC had cleared the plant and then did a backtrack by introducing additional tests after protests. In 2009, GEAC had cleared Bt Brinjal, a transgenic food crop, only to be over-ruled by the UPA government – again after protests. Agriculture, being a State subject, may merit political scrutiny before a seed can be commercially released; however, in the case of transgenic technology, these decisions have only served to throttle technological progress. The hold, or the so-called 'moratorium', on Bt Brinjal persists and it was only in 2020 that GEAC approved fresh field trials, which were in effect repetitions of earlier tests. It is unclear if it will be available in the immediate future. The barnase-barstar system, used in DMH-11, is promising but already outdated given that cutting-edge technology such as CRISPR is in vogue. DMH-11 alone may not be the panacea for India's edible oil crisis and rather represents a platform technology that requires seed companies to invest and develop their own hybrids. However, the uncertainty around regulatory policy regarding seed development hinders this. To signal transformation, the Government must second the approval by GEAC and restore the system, whereby scientific consent – rather than political considerations – determines the availability of products to farmers and consumers.

Lone exception

The left bloc's win in Denmark defies the trend of gains by the right in Europe

Denmark's voters defied the recent trend in Europe, of right-wing electoral gains, and rewarded their centre-left Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen in Tuesday's parliamentary elections. Ms. Frederiksen, who was forced to call an early vote under pressure from her coalition partners, secured the best performance for the Social Democrats in two decades with 27.5% votes. The left-wing bloc she leads has won 87 seats in mainland Denmark, and one in Faroe island and two in Greenland, the autonomous Danish territory, taking its strength to 90, the majority needed in the 179-member assembly. The elections took place amid criticism of Ms. Frederiksen's decision to cull millions of minks during the COVID-19 pandemic and pollsters had expected Ms. Frederiksen to suffer a setback. In the neighbouring Nordic country Sweden, and Italy in southern Europe, both of which went to polls in September, the far-right had made rapid gains. While in Sweden, the centre-left government was replaced by a right-wing government backed by a party with neo-Nazi origins, in Italy, a party with direct links to Mussolini's Fascist Party was elected. In contrast, most Danish voters stood firmly behind the Social Democrats, the Green Left and the Social Liberals.

Before the elections, Ms. Frederiksen had said she would form a government with moderate centrist parties transcending the traditional right-left divisions of Danish politics. However, government formation would be the least of her worries. Like most European countries, Denmark is also struggling with a cost-of-living crisis – at 11.1%, Denmark's inflation is higher than the EU average. There are worries about disruptions to gas supplies as the energy situation remains tense in the wake of Russia's Ukraine invasion. Denmark, one of the founding members of NATO, is also under pressure to step up defence spending along with other NATO members, especially after the war broke out. The war came closer for the Danes when the Nord Stream Russia-Europe undersea pipelines were damaged in explosions off the Danish coast in September. And while the left-wing coalition's victory could strengthen Ms. Frederiksen politically, Denmark is not completely immune to the far-right problem. The Denmark Democrats, a new far-right party being led by a former Minister who was in prison for unlawful separation of asylum seekers, entered Parliament with 8.1% of the votes. So, Ms. Frederiksen's task is already cut out. She might look stronger today, but is still vulnerable. For continued political success, she has to begin with easing the cost-of-living crisis, while keeping the effects of the war minimal on the Danish public.

The most dangerous moment since 1962

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In October 1962, when the United States discovered that the Soviet Union had moved nuclear missiles to Cuba, U.S. President John F. Kennedy called it "a deliberately provocative and unjustified change in the status quo which cannot be accepted by this country..." He ordered a naval quarantine of Cuba, thus blocking access for Soviet ships. He had appointed an executive committee of his National Security Council to advise him on possible reactions. While most members of the ExComm favoured airstrikes on Cuba targeting the Soviet missiles, Kennedy stuck to quarantine, which was also one of the recommendations of the committee. At the same time, he opened a back channel to Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev through his brother Robert Kennedy. "Even if he (President Kennedy) doesn't want or desire a war, something irreversible could occur against his will. If the situation continues much longer, the President is not sure that the military will not overthrow him and seize power," Robert Kennedy told the Soviet Ambassador in Washington. Khrushchev reciprocated to Kennedy's message, which he saw as a "call for help", and both leaders pulled their countries back from the brink of a nuclear war.

The world has seen several military conflicts since the Cuban missile crisis. There have been wars across continents. Both the former Soviet Union and the U.S. had launched interventions, invasions and proxy conflicts in weaker countries. But a 1962-like scenario, where two nuclear superpowers came eyeball to eyeball never happened – until the outbreak of the Ukraine crisis. Eight months after Russia's invasion of Ukraine began, this is what it looks like it is: a complex polycentric conflict where, inside Ukrainian territory, Russia's nuclear-armed forces are battling high-performing Ukrainian troops that are directly assisted, in terms of money, weapons and fighters, by the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), the trans-Atlantic nuclear alliance.

Origins of crises

Besides fears of the existing conflict escalating into a direct Russia-NATO war, there are similarities and dissimilarities between the Cuban missile crisis and the Ukraine war. The similarities begin with the origins of both crises. Khrushchev secretly moved the nuclear missiles to Cuba after the failed Central Intelligence Agency-backed Bay of Pigs invasion of the island in 1961, where the guerillas, under the command of Fidel Castro and Che Guevara, had overthrown a pro-American military dictatorship in 1959. Later, the Soviets claimed that the missiles were for defensive purposes, but the U.S. found the presence of nuclear missiles in an island 145 km off the coast of Florida as a security threat. Put simply, the U.S. would not accept any challenge to its hegemony in the western hemisphere, its immediate periphery.

> The Ukraine war is a textbook example where the parties involved are treating each other with matching hostility – a dangerous slope – sharply escalating the conflict

The origins of the Ukraine crisis can be traced to NATO's eastward expansion. When NATO took in more countries and pushed its borders towards Russia's periphery, both the group's leadership and the new members emphasised that they were a defensive alliance and did not pose any threat to Moscow. They also argued that the former Soviet allies and the (newly born) republics were independent entities that could take sovereign decisions on whether they should join any military alliance or not. Yet, like Kennedy and his national security team did not accept the Soviet argument that the Cuban missiles were for defensive purposes, or that Cuba was an independent country which could take sovereign decisions on whether it should host Soviet missiles or not, Russian President Vladimir Putin and his team did not buy NATO's similar arguments. Mr. Putin saw NATO's expansion into and growing influence on the old Russian rim land as a national security threat to Russia, just like Kennedy saw the presence of Soviet missiles in the Caribbean as a national security threat to the U.S.

But the similarities end there. The Cuban missile crisis was a crisis that was resolved before it actually slid into war, whereas in the case of Ukraine, a full-scale war began on February 24 with the Russian invasion, which makes the crisis even more complex and demands more urgent calls for enhanced diplomatic efforts. Mr. Putin and U.S. President Joe Biden missed the bus to avert an actual conflict, but they can still avert a catastrophic direct Russia-NATO war. But are they doing anything to meet that?

The spiral model

The current phase of the Ukraine war is a textbook example of what international relations theorists call a spiral model, where parties treat each other with matching hostility, sharply escalating an existing conflict. Even if there is no desire for a nuclear war on both sides, escalatory spirals could be dangerous, which, if left unchecked, could take their own course. Still, why is there no conscious diplomatic effort to create conditions for talks?

One way to look at conflicts is to take a moral, normative view of them. The mainstream narrative in the U.S. about Mr. Putin matches this view – he is the aggressor, who has violated international laws and norms by invading Ukraine and annexing its territories, and, therefore, Washington would not hold talks with the Kremlin. This normative absolutism is not consistent with the past and present of American foreign policy. The U.S. itself has violated UN norms several times in its interventions abroad and it had no moral qualms in recognising its ally Israel's illegal annexation of Syria's Golan Heights or recognising the disputed Jerusalem, half of which has been illegally annexed by Israel, as its capital.

A more realistic explanation is that Washington sees an opportunity in the Ukraine war to weaken Russia by continuing to arm Ukraine. As per this narrative, Russian failure in Ukraine could have political consequences, including challenges to Mr. Putin's hold on power. So, escalation becomes a policy of choice. The Russians, on the other side, see the U.S. as the main force behind Ukraine, before and after the war began. As a failure in Ukraine will have both security and political consequences, Mr. Putin cannot afford to make compromises. Escalation becomes the way ahead for him as well. This is a dangerous slope.

Strategic empathy

Unless the leaders break the spiral, the conflict will keep deteriorating, as was evident in Russia's recent attacks on Ukraine's infrastructure and the Ukrainian drone attack in Sevastopol, Crimea. To break the spiral, the parties will have to first look beyond their personalist view of the conflict and try to understand the structural conditions which their rivals operate from. This would allow the leaders to empathise with their rivals, irrespective of their moral positions (what Realists call strategic empathy), and take difficult decisions to make peace. Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelensky says he would not talk with Russia as long as Mr. Putin is the President. Mr. Biden says "Putin cannot remain in power". But is there any certainty that the security situation in Europe would be better if the Putin regime collapses? Did the collapse of the communist Soviet Union bring lasting peace to Europe? For Mr. Putin, Washington is the sum of all evil. But how can he expect President Biden to sit idle when Russia seeks to redesign the European security architecture through force? Which American President will do so?

Kennedy and Khrushchev had shown strategic empathy to understand the predicament both leaders were in, and they could make difficult choices. But Mr. Putin and Mr. Biden are in their own silos, blaming each other and blindly pursuing their goals through force, while Ukraine is on fire. The sooner they come out of it, the better for the world.

A chance to expand the world's biosphere footprint

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November 3 will be the first 'The International Day for Biosphere Reserves', to be celebrated beginning 2022. The World Network of Biosphere Reserves (WNBR) was formed in 1971, as a backbone for biodiversity conservation, ecosystem restoration, and living in harmony with nature. There are now 738 properties in 134 countries, including 12 in India, four in Sri Lanka, and three in the Maldives.

Bangladesh, Bhutan, and Nepal do not have biospheres as yet, but help is on its way: The 'South and Central Asia MAB Reserve' Networking Meeting (where MAB stands Man and the Biosphere) is planned for 2023, to advance biosphere reserve establishment, and management. UNESCO is ready to assist in carrying out a professional potentiality analysis. In addition, an expert mission has been planned for spring 2023 – to Bhutan, India's north-east and the Sundarbans in Bangladesh.

An ideal platform to network

The WNBR, an amazing network of sites of excellence, is a unique tool for cooperation through sharing knowledge, exchanging experiences, building capacity and promoting best practices. Its members are always ready to support each other. This kind of help extended through the network is of great importance because the ecological carrying capacity of the planet earth has been exceeded. We have to revert to living in harmony with nature – to breathe clean air again, have access to enough good water, eat nutritious and affordable food, and live in dignity.

Our planet has been set up uniquely in the solar system so that ecosystems can function and provide a home for all living creatures. From whatever vantage point we look at nature conservation – an environmental, cultural or even a religious point of view – it is our responsibility to respect nature.

> Expanding biosphere reserves across the world, especially in Asia, will help millions of people realise a better future, one that is in harmony with nature

The best concept for 'Living in Harmony with Nature' that exists in the United Nations system, is the WNBR, making these places more important today than ever before, where humans are thriving and relearning how to live with nature.

Opportunities in South Asia

In South Asia, over 30 biosphere reserves have been established. The first one was the Hurulu Biosphere Reserve, in Sri Lanka, with 25,500 hectares of tropical dry evergreen forest. In India, the first biosphere reserve was designated by UNESCO in 2000, namely, the blue mountains of the Nilgiris stretching over Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Kerala. India's network of reserves has gone from strength to strength. Considering the massive long-term threats to human survivability (besides pandemics and armed conflicts), such as biodiversity loss, climate change, pollution and population dynamics, accelerated by the blind belief in technological solutions for all problems, we need many more biosphere reserves globally. South Asia offers countless options.

India is a vast sub-continent, an emerging superpower of unlimited opportunities. It has become an important global player on environmental sustainability issues. India is likely to become the world's most populated country in 2023.

Spain, with a landmass of 506,000 km^2, and a population of 47.4 million is one of the lead participating WNBR countries globally, with 53 properties. In a comparison with the surface size of Spain to India (ca. 3.3 million km^2), and India's human population of ca. 1.4 billion people, it appears a good idea to carry out a potentiality analysis of biosphere reserves in India, with a focus on the seven sisters in north-east India.

South Asia has a very diverse set of ecosystems, with Bhutan, India, and Nepal combined having thousands of glaciers, surrounded by lakes and alpine ecosystems.

As an article by Eric Falt highlights, biosphere reserves have all developed science-based management plans, where local solutions for sustainable human living and nature conservation are being tested, and best practices applied. Issues of concern include biodiversity, clean energy, climate, environmental education, and water and waste management, supported by scientific research and monitoring.

All biosphere reserves are internationally recognised sites on land, at the coast, or in the oceans. Governments alone decide which areas to nominate.

Before approval by UNESCO, the sites are externally examined. If approved, they will be managed based on a plan, reinforced by credibility checks while remaining under the sovereignty of their national government.

A perspective

Some of the countries in South Asia do not yet have any or enough biosphere reserves. In most, if not all cases, the political will is certainly there, but there is a lack of know-how and financial resources. Of course, more financial support from the richer nations and the private sector would be desirable to advance biosphere reserves in these countries. Bangladesh, Bhutan, and Nepal are on our priority list.

The existence of the new World Network of Mountain Biosphere Reserves provides a welcome opportunity for Bhutan and Nepal to establish their first biosphere reserves and participate in the world network. If these pockets of hope can expand, with at least one biosphere reserve per country in Bangladesh, Bhutan and Nepal until 2025 (with additional biosphere reserves in India's North-East and along the coasts) it will give realisation to millions of people that a better future is truly possible – one where we will truly live in harmony with nature.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Change in Brazil

The emphatic triumph of Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva in Brazil's presidential election is a reflection of stronger public disenchantment with the Bolsanaro regime's misgovernance and concomitant negative economic fallout. The astonishing comeback is also a pointer to disillusionment with polarising politics of the far-right. After a phase of divisive politics, which seems to be sweeping across many parts of the world, the return of leftists could offer a ray of hope.

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Sholavandan, Tamil Nadu

Terror plot

The terror plot that has been uncovered in Coimbatore only shows that the government needs to be firm in tackling terror-related issues. This it must do with an iron hand. It is certainly an intelligence failure when a person with explosive materials stored in his house went unnoticed. All links such as the suppliers and fund sources need to be traced. There should not be any complacency.

S. Parthasarathy,
Chennai

Water pollution

The article, "The weakest link in the air pollution fight" (Editorial page, November 2), has exposed the complete inefficiency on the part of governments in our country. There has to be scientific thinking about the menace of air pollution. But, it is not just air pollution that is the problem. Water pollution is extensive as well. Very recently, a study on water pollution in water bodies in Kerala has revealed the presence of coliform bacteriae in 49,016 samples out of 6,23,980 samples collected by a local administration team. This works out to be 79% pollution. Hence, the reconstitution of the pollution control board is a must, where 70% of its members are scientists, medical experts and environmental experts. Members can be shifted or rotated every two years. State governments must listen to their suggestions. It is only then that we can think of having a good chance to prevent the further escalation of environmental pollution.

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Does the 'double engine government' idea matter for the voter of Gujarat?

Most often, across States, the support and opposition to 'double-engine government' run parallel to the level of satisfaction with the central government

LOKNITI-CSDS SURVEY

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The phrase 'double engine government' constitutes a theme that the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) is bound to capitalise upon during the Assembly elections in Gujarat. The BJP has often invoked this metaphor several times during elections in other States and it has been catching the voters' imagination in many places. The metaphor promises faster development because both governments, belonging to the same party, would be on the same page and better coordination between them will bring State's development. The Lokniti-CSDS survey made an attempt to understand how plausible this metaphor is in the minds of the voters of Gujarat.

Unconditional acceptance?

In Gujarat, the support for the double-engine government has increased from 16% in 2017 to 27% in 2022, and in contrast, opposition to it has plummeted substantially (Table 1). Even those who are fully dissatisfied with the central government (17%) still choose to support the idea of a double-engine government.

The findings across States in earlier surveys indicated an interesting pattern: wherever the BJP was the incumbent government, it found substantial support for a double-engine government.

Voters in Gujarat (27%), Assam (41%), Goa (34%), Uttar Pradesh (31%) and Uttarakhand (33%) show a substantial inclination towards 'double engine', whereas in States such as Kerala (54%), Tamil Nadu (40%) and West Bengal (33%), where the ruling dispensation is different, the citizens mostly disagree (Table 2).

> Wherever the BJP was the incumbent government, it found substantial support for a double-engine government

File photo of a rally by Prime Minister Narendra Modi at Patan in Gujarat. VIJAY SONEJI

Level of satisfaction

Most often, across States, the support and opposition to 'double-engine government' run parallel to the level of satisfaction with the central government (Table 3). States such as Uttarakhand (42%) and Uttar Pradesh (17%) show a substantially higher level of net satisfaction ('fully satisfied' minus 'fully dissatisfied') than Gujarat (5%) and Assam (1%), and in contrast, the net dissatisfaction ('fully dissatisfied' minus 'fully satisfied') was higher in Punjab (43%) Kerala (32%), Tamil Nadu (14%), West Bengal. (2%) and Goa (1%).

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While there may be some overall attraction towards the metaphor of double engine government, it is interesting that support to this idea is markedly more pronounced among the rich than the poor and among urban respondents than among rural respondents (Table 4).

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Table 1: Support for double engine government in Gujarat increased after 2017

	2017 (in %)	2022 (in %)
Fully support	16	27
Somewhat support	19	30
Somewhat oppose	23	11
Fully oppose	31	14
No response	11	18

The question asked: Do you agree or disagree with the statement: For the development of Gujarat, is it necessary that the party which is in power at the Centre should also be in power in Gujarat?

Table 2: Support for double engine government in different States

	GJ	AS	KL	T.N.	W.B.	Goa	PB	U.P.	UK
Fully support	27%	41%	20%	11%	26%	34%	33%	31%	33%
Somewhat support	30%	22%	11%	24%	16%	31%	17%	15%	22%
Somewhat oppose	11%	5%	6%	7%	5%	14%	12%	11%	14%
Fully oppose	14%	15%	54%	40%	33%	9%	15%	23%	17%
No response	18%	17%	9%	18%	20%	12%	23%	20%	14%

The question asked: Do you agree or disagree with the statement: For the development of Gujarat, is it necessary that the party which is in power at the Centre should also be in power in Gujarat?

Table 3: Level of satisfaction with the Central government during various State Assembly elections

	GJ	AS	KL	T.N.	W.B.	Goa	PB	U.P.	UK
Fully satisfied	23%	27%	17%	13%	23%	19 %	10%	41%	53%
Somewhat satisfied	38%	29%	21%	26%	29%	34%	15%	19%	23%
Somewhat dissatisfied	15%	12%	8%	25%	9%	18%	16%	12%	10%
Fully dissatisfied	17%	26%	49%	27%	25%	20%	53%	24%	11%
No response	7%	6%	5%	9%	14%	9%	6%	4 %	3%

Table 4: Rich and urban voters support double engine government more

	Fully support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Fully oppose	No response
All	27%	30%	11%	14%	18%
Economic Class					
Poor	23%	29%	12%	14%	22%
Lower	26%	32%	9%	13%	20%
Middle	31%	30%	12%	16%	11%
Rich	34%	34%	11%	14%	7%
Locality					
Rural	22%	33%	12%	15%	18%
Urban	33%	27%	9%	12%	19%

The leadership sweepstakes: a State election with national leaders as the face of their parties

Sandeep Shastri

In the recent past, the leadership factor has been a key role in determining the success of parties at both central and state level. How critical could the leadership factor be in Gujarat?

Given the fact that the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) went in for a major overhaul in the State of not merely replacing the Chief Minister but much of the Council of Ministers was by itself indicative of how important the party saw the role of its national leadership and party organisation. The rise of the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) in Gujarat is also seen to revolve around its national leadership.

No clear answers

The Lokniti-CSDS poll indicates some interesting trends on people's preference for the Chief Minister of the State. In an open-ended question on who they would prefer as the Chief Minister of the State after the next election (there was no prompt for names) (Table 1), there was no clear winner with a sizeable lead or majority. The incumbent Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel had the support of a little over one-sixth of the respondents. One in every ten favoured his predecessor, Vijay Rupani.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Delhi Chief Minister and AAP leader Arvind Kejriwal were tied at the second place. Clearly, the expectation on either Mr. Modi or Mr. Kejriwal would not be translated into reality given the positions they currently hold. No other leader truly captured the imagination of the respondents. In 2017, the then Chief Minister Vijay Rupani was endorsed as the preferred Chief Ministerial choice by one-fourth of the respondents. State leaders of Congress do not figure anywhere in this competition. This makes it clear that in all the three major political parties, the national leaders will be the ones around whom the campaign would revolve.

> **The survey found over one-thirds of the respondents favoured Narendra Modi**

In a face-off on the popularity of Mr. Modi and Mr. Kejriwal (Table 2), the survey found some interesting trends. A little over one-thirds of the respondents favoured Mr. Modi while two of every ten endorsed Mr. Kejriwal. Another two of every ten favoured both while another one of every ten disliked both. Mr. Modi was ahead of Mr. Kejriwal in all demographic groups with the variation being a minimum of 11 percentage points among urban voters and a maximum of 35 percentage points among the more affluent. One already notices the focus on the two leaders in the early days of the campaign.

More than half the respondents said that the BJP would be in a comfortable position in the coming elections even if Mr. Modi were not to campaign in the State (Table 3). Close to one-thirds of the respondents disagreed with this assessment. Two-thirds of those who supported the BJP said that the party could win the polls even if Mr. Modi did not campaign (Table 4). There was less support for this stand among supporters of the AAP and the Congress, where less than half endorsed this position. In the case of Congress, supporters more were likely to take a negative stand on the question asserting that the absence of Mr. Modi in the BJP could dent their prospects.

If the start of the campaign in the State is any indicator, all the three major political players seem to be banking on their national level leaders to be the face of their respective campaigns. While the role and relevance of national leadership of the Congress in this contest is unclear, the campaign seems to be leading to at least a clash of the two leaders: Mr. Modi and Mr. Kejriwal. This factor alone may make the election a very interesting one.

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File photo of Arvind Kejriwal during an Aam Aadmi Party's Sammelan. SUSHIL KUMAR VERMA

Table 1: Chief Ministerial choice

	2017	2022
Bhupendra Patel	0%	15%
Narendra Modi	8%	13%
Arvind Kejriwal	0%	13%
Vijay Rupani	23%	10%
Jignesh Mevani	0%	4%
Nitin Patel	2%	2%
Anandiben Patel	9%	2%
Hardik Patel	0%	2%
Amit Shah	3%	2%
Bharatsinh Solanki	11%	0%

The question asked: After the coming election, who would you like to see as the Chief Minister of Gujarat?

Table 2: More liked leader between Narendra Modi and Arvind Kejriwal among various social sections

	Narendra Modi	Arvind Kejriwal	Like both	Dislike both	No response
All	36%	22%	18%	9%	15%
Young	36%	24%	20%	9%	11%
Old	40%	15%	16%	10%	19%
Rural	39%	22%	14%	7%	18%
Urban	32%	21%	22%	11%	14%
Poor	29%	27%	21%	8%	15%
Rich	47%	12%	20%	7%	14%
Men	37%	22%	17%	8%	16%
Women	35%	21%	19%	9%	16%

Table 3: Opinion on the BJP winning in the State even if Narendra Modi does not campaign

	All
Agree	54%
Disagree	32%
No response	14%

The question asked: Do you agree or disagree with the statement: The BJP can win again in Gujarat even if Narendra Modi does not campaign for the party?

Table 4: Opinion on the BJP winning in the State even if Narendra Modi does not campaign among supporters of different parties

The BJP can win again in Gujarat even if Narendra Modi does not campaign for the party?	Agree	Disagree	No response
Among Congress voters	40%	47%	13%
Among BJP voters	66%	21%	13%
Among AAP voters	47%	39%	14%
Among voters of other parties	38%	39%	23%

From Page One

DMK seeks support for recalling T.N. Governor

The Left Front government in Kerala is also locked in a very bitter and public fight with Governor Arif Mohammed Khan. CPI general secretary D. Raja had recently called for abolishing the post of Governor, calling it redundant in a Parliamentary democracy.

On Sunday, leaders of the DMK-led Secular Progressive Alliance had issued a joint statement accusing Mr. Ravi of deliberately expressing views to create confusion. "His speeches are given importance since he is the Governor of the State. If he is expressing views to please the BJP leadership to get a higher position for himself, he should quit the Governor post. He cannot do it so long as he remains the Governor of the State," it said.

NIA visits places near car blast site; police search many houses

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The National Investigation Agency (NIA) team probing the car blast in front of Sangameswarar temple in Coimbatore on Wednesday visited neighbouring localities, including H.M.P.R Street at Kottaimedu, where the alleged mastermind of the terror plot lived in a rented house.

NIA officials were seen visiting shops and checking the availability of visuals from surveillance cameras facing the road. Sources said the team looked for CCTV footage from the stretch connecting Jameesha Mubin's house to the temple, which is about 350 m away.

The Coimbatore City Police carried out searches at the residences of some persons whose names figured on the watch list.

In court, Morbi police highlight lapses in bridge maintenance

The police, in their remand application, submit a series of failures by the contractor: rusted cables not replaced, no safety audit of metal bridge, and company not qualified for the renovation of the 140-year-old British-era bridge

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There were no safety audit of the 140-year-old British-era bridge metal suspension bridge and no study of its load-bearing capacity, and its repairs and renovation were given to a contractor who was not qualified for the job, the Morbi police have told a local court on Wednesday while seeking custody of the nine accused.

The police, in their remand application, also submitted that many of the cables of the bridge were rusted and yet not replaced while the material used for the renovation was substandard, leaving the bridge vulnerable when it was hurriedly reopened without the civic body's approval.

The prosecution contended that the horrific incident in which 140 people were killed would not have happened had the cables been replaced and adequate safety measures taken.

No life-saving equipment nor any evacuation plan was in place when the bridge was reopened during the festive season, it said.

Constant lookout: Rescuers on boats searching for bodies in the Machchhu river below the collapsed bridge in Morbi, Gujarat on Wednesday. AP

Forensic report
Citing a Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL) report, the prosecution told the court that forensic experts believed the main cable of the bridge snapped under the weight of the new flooring.

While the bridge flooring was replaced, its cable was not replaced and could not take the weight of the changed flooring, the prosecution, citing a forensic report, told the magistrate's court on Tuesday.

The court granted remand of two managers of the OREVA Group and two sub-contractors, who had repaired the bridge, in police custody till November 5.

Five other accused – three security guards and two ticket clerks – have been sent to judicial custody by the court of Chief Judicial Magistrate M.J. Khan.

The four accused remanded in police custody were OREVA managers Dipak Parekh and Dinesh Dave, and repairing contractors Prakash Parmar and Devang Parmar, hired by the OREVA Group.

The company had time till December to complete the repairs and renovation, but it opened the bridge much earlier, anticipating a huge crowd in the festive season of Deepavali and Gujarati New Year, while ignoring the safety aspects.

No clarity
The Superintendent of Police, Morbi told the media that in the course of investigation, other persons might be added as accused in the case. The prosecution presented the forensic report in a sealed cover during the court proceedings.

However, there is still no clarity regarding why the OREVA Group was given the contract to maintain and manage the historic bridge for 15 years. The officials are tight-lipped about the contract given to OREVA, a clock and electronic appliances manufacturing company in Morbi.

Gujarat Congress president Jagdish Thakor and former Chief Minister Shankarsinh Vaghela have written to the Chief Justice of the Gujarat High Court demanding that a court-monitored special investigation team be formed to probe the incident.

Mamata seeks judicial probe into Morbi bridge crash

The Hindu Bureau
KOLKATA

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Wednesday sought an investigation by a Supreme Court-appointed judicial commission in the Morbi bridge collapse tragedy in Gujarat, and asked why the Central investigation agencies such as "ED and CBI are not taking action against those responsible for the incident".

Emphasising that accountability should be fixed in the tragedy, Ms. Banerjee said, "Elections should not be important" and priority should be given to stand by the family of the dead and injured.

The Trinamool Congress chairperson stressed that "she will not do politics" over the matter. Ms. Banerjee said that she wanted to visit Morbi, but added, "If I go, then they will say I have come for politics".

She said that West Bengal had about 1,500 bridges because of the riverine nature of the topography and many such structures, including the Howrah Bridge, were maintained by the Central agencies and there were no regular inspections for them.

Protests in Leh, Kargil for statehood, special status

The Hindu Bureau
KARGIL

Ladakh's twin districts of Kargil and Leh on Wednesday witnessed street protests to press for demands of statehood and special status under the Sixth Schedule of the Constitution, as the region completed three years of Union Territory (UT) status this month.

In Leh, the street protest was spearheaded by the Apex Body-Leh (ABL), and in Kargil, the Kargil Democratic Alliance organised street rallies.

"In case statehood is difficult to grant, let Ladakh be a U.T. with a legislature," the leader of ABL said here.

Germany's call for special session of Human Rights Council may test India's stance on Iran

Kallol Bhattacherjee
NEW DELHI

Apart from the upcoming Universal Periodic Review of India at the Human Rights Council (HRC), Indian diplomacy is faced with an additional challenge as Germany's Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock has demanded a special session of the council on Iran's crackdown on peaceful protesters.

In a series of social media messages, Ms. Baerbock announced on October 26 that Germany would push for a special sitting of the global human rights body to discuss the human rights status of Iran.

"The brutal repression must not remain without consequences for those responsible. Among other things, we support a special human rights council [session] and will support NGOs in documenting crimes. We will expand our projects in the area of human rights, among other things, and provide places in our protection programmes for particularly vulnerable Iranian people from the areas of culture, science, media and civil society," Ms. Baerbock said.

Annalena Baerbock

India's stand
The protests in Iran began after the reported custodial killing of Kurdish-Iranian activist Mahsa Amini on September 16.

The protest that broke out against this backdrop has continued across the country since then. India, a member of the council, has, however, refused to condemn the violence against unarmed protesters so far.

The Hindu has learned that the Indian side believes the timing of the German Minister's demand for a special sitting has come at an inconvenient phase as the session for the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) will be held from November 7 to 18.

Squeezing in the agenda
Apart from India, the session will cover Bahrain, Ecuador, Tunisia, Morocco, Indonesia, Finland, the United Kingdom, Algeria, the Philippines, Brazil, Poland, the Netherlands, and South Africa.

Sources indicated that given the fact that 14 countries will undergo the UPR during the session, it is very difficult to squeeze in a discussion on Iran's human rights scenario.

Germany will require the support of the Western bloc at the council (approximately 17 countries) to force the global body to have a debate and as a leading power, it is most likely to receive such a support.

However, Germany has not followed up Ms. Baerbock's announcement with further actions, adding to a sense of suspense here about the next move from the Western bloc on Iran.

A high-decibel Western campaign against Iran at the council is expected to exert pressure on India as a similar situation was evident during the recent western bid to have a special discussion on the status of Uighur Muslims of Xinjiang in China which was narrowly defeated. While the Western members voted for the special discussion, India voted against the move.

We want to be India's defence partner of choice: U.S. official

Dinakar Peri
NEW DELHI

Michael L. Baker

"We want to be the partner of choice for India," a senior U.S. defence official said on Wednesday while stating that America is the best partner when it comes to sharing high-end technology and next-generation equipment while India diversifies its military arsenal ending heavy dependence on Russia. To a question on the situation on the Line of Actual Control (LAC) and conversation between India and the U.S., Rear Admiral Michael L. Baker, the U.S. Defence Attaché in India, said the two countries worked closely to exchange views and both could not take the eye off the ball on regional security issues.

"India has the ability to choose its partners. It has made a conscious decision to diversify over the last decade. And it has made a conscious decision to partner with the U.S. on a host of areas. My focus is on how to take that forward," he said in a conversation with a small group of journalists. There are some pretty challenges across sharing high-end technology and next-generation equipment, and the U.S. is the best partner in that, he said.

To a question on the recent submarine-launched ballistic missile (SLBM) test by *INS Arihant*, India's nuclear-powered ballistic missile submarine, the Rear Admiral said, "A country is able to go through and test its lawful and sovereign capabilities in a responsible way. From what I can tell, India has done that in a responsible way."

On the continuing stand-off in eastern Ladakh and the situation along the LAC, he said it was certainly an important area for them and they remained watchful. "We work closely with India to exchange our views on this area to make sure that we have a clear understanding of what we think may be happening. I think it is a space both for India and the U.S. to remain watchful. We can't take the eye off the ball of regional security issues."

There has been talk of India and the U.S. doing joint patrols in the past which was turned down by the Defence Ministry at that point. India has since carried out joint patrols with France. Asked if the time has come for joint patrols between India and the U.S., he said to one degree, they were conducting joint patrols, referring to the broad naval cooperation.

India has ships inside the Combined Maritime Forces (CMF). Alongside the U.S., "we operate in the same operational space in the North Arabian Sea, in the Arabian Gulf", he noted. "As India makes its deployments into the Pacific, it is almost continually operating with the U.S. forces. Whether we make some sort of formal deceleration is kind of a secondary question. Navies of the world are out there on the sea together. We can't help but be in the space together... We operate together pretty routinely," he said.

On the efforts for co-development and co-production of military hardware, he said they had good meetings this year on the next steps of the the Defence Technology Trade Initiative (DTTI). "It is a focus area of our dialogue right now," he said.

ED summons Soren in illegal mining case

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The money laundering probe was initiated based on an FIR registered at the Barharwa police station

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has summoned Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren to record his statement in connection with an illegal mining case on Thursday.

Mr. Soren, who has been asked to appear before the investigating team at the ED's Ranchi office, took to Twitter to allege that he had been summoned at the instance of the Opposition in the State.

"An attempt has been made to show how powerful the ED is," he said, adding that the Opposition was unable to face him politically and was therefore misusing institutions.

'Only objective'
"The people will give them the answer to every conspiracy," said Mr. Soren. He said the only objective behind the attempts to harass him was to ensure that "Dalits, tribals, backward communities and minorities should not get their rights".

In the same case, the ED had earlier arrested three accused persons, including Mr. Soren's political representative Pankaj Mishra.

The money laundering probe was initiated based on an FIR registered at the Barharwa police station in Jharkhand's Sahibganj district against Mr. Mishra and others. More cases alleging illegal mining later came under its purview. The agency claims to have detected proceeds worth over ₹100 crore so far.

The ED has seized ₹5.34 crore in cash, ₹13.32 crore lying in 50 bank accounts and one inland vessel worth ₹30 crore, apart from several stone crushers and trucks.

PM's praise for Gehlot should not be taken lightly, Sachin Pilot warns Cong.

The Hindu Bureau
JAIPUR

Former Rajasthan Deputy Chief Minister Sachin Pilot on Wednesday targeted Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot after Prime Minister Narendra Modi praised him at a government event.

Sharing the dais with Mr. Gehlot at an official programme in Banswara district on Tuesday, Mr. Modi noted that they had worked together as Chief Ministers. Mr. Gehlot was "the senior-most in our lot", he said, adding that "he is still one of the senior-most Chief Ministers among those who are sitting on the stage right now."

The PM's accolades for Mr. Gehlot were an "interesting development" and "should not be taken lightly", Mr. Pilot told reporters at his residence. Mr. Modi had similarly praised former Congress leader Ghulam Nabi Azad in Parliament and "we all saw what happened after that", he added.

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> **SACHIN PILOT**
> Ex-Deputy CM, Rajasthan

Mr. Azad, former Leader of the Opposition in the Rajya Sabha, recently left the Congress.

In his address at the Banswara event, Mr. Gehlot said the Prime Minister commanded respect during his visits abroad because he represented Mahatma Gandhi's country, where the roots of democracy were strong even after more than 70 years of Independence. The programme marked the anniversary of a massacre of tribal people by the British Indian Army in 1913.

Reacting to Mr. Pilot's remarks, Mr. Gehlot said party leaders should "maintain discipline" and refrain from making any kind of political statements. "AICC general secretary has asked not to give statements," Mr. Gehlot told reporters in Alwar, without naming Mr. Pilot.

Mr. Gehlot said the focus of the ruling Congress should be on retaining the government in the State in the 2023 Assembly election. "Our target is to repeat the [Congress] government. We have ensured good governance. We will retain the State on the basis of our governance," he said.

AICC spokesperson Supriya Shrinate asserted that Mr. Gehlot had in fact shown a mirror to the Prime Minister at the Banswara event. "From the same stage, he has pointed out that the respect that you [Mr Modi] get is not because of you, but because you belong to the country of Gandhi*ji*, Nehru*ji* and Ambedkar*ji* where democracy is strong," Ms. Shrinate said.

Breaking his silence on the developments on September 25, Mr. Pilot called for action against the MLAs who had shown indiscipline by boycotting the Congress Legislature Party (CLP) meeting, triggering a full-blown political crisis in the State.

Demanding action, Mr. Pilot said the rules and discipline of the party applied to everyone, irrespective of stature. He expressed hope that Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge would soon take a decision on the issue.

Waiting to get responsibility in SP, says Shivpal Yadav

The Hindu Bureau
LUCKNOW

In sharp contrast to his earlier outbursts against the Samajwadi Party (SP) and its president Akhilesh Yadav, Pragatisheel Samajwadi Party (Lohia) president and Jaswantnagar MLA Shivpal Singh Yadav on Wednesday said he was waiting to be given responsibility in the SP.

Earlier, Mr. Shivpal had stated that he would not go with the party as it had cheated him many times in the past.

Speaking to mediapersons in Sambhal, Mr. Shivpal said, "Waiting to get responsibility, wait, see."

On the disqualification of SP MLA from Rampur Azam Khan, Mr. Shivpal said, "Azam Khan is a big leader. Everyone wants to see him in the House, be it in the State Assembly or Parliament." "I am strengthening my own party as of now on the ideals of Mulayam Singh," he said.

After the demise of SP founder Mulayam Singh, Mr. Shivpal was seen to be growing close to Mr. Akhilesh which led to speculation that the bitter relationship between the two leaders would end.

Uttarakhand's Uniform Civil Code committee sifts through four lakh suggestions, plans more outreach

Responses to 'One law for all' cover a range of subjects, from 'reverse inheritance' and banning polygamy and polyandry to same age of marriage for men and women; most comments received by panel from tribal belts and rural and hilly areas

Ishita Mishra
NEW DELHI

The five-member team formed to frame the draft for a Uniform Civil Code (UCC) in Uttarakhand is currently struggling to read and analyse over three lakh handwritten letters, 60,000 e-mails, and 22,000 suggestions uploaded on its website by residents of the hill State sharing their view and recommendations on "One law for all".

Among the suggestions, which have mostly been received from tribal belts and rural and hilly areas, are policy interventions on "reverse inheritance" (parents to have rights over their offspring's property), same age of marriage for both genders, and a total ban on polygamy and polyandry.

Speaking to *The Hindu*, a member of the panel said they were currently in the process of reading the approximately four lakh suggestions, which may take a month or possibly more time. "We are trying to incorporate all the suggestions given by the people, especially related to gender equality," the member said.

Seeking views: The UCC panel members with residents of Mana village in Chamoli district of Uttarakhand. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The State has a population of about one crore. Asked how an unbiased uniform law can emerge from the views of about 4% of the population (going by the number of suggestions received), a senior member said the exercise was not even needed to legislate if the government intended to do so. "Asking suggestions from people is a healthy way to make laws. This 4% may look a small number but the suggestions we have received are great and worth incorporating," the member added.

The panel has so far held 18 meetings at various places in the State, including at the last village in Chamoli district, Mana. People in Nabi, Gunji and Kuti villages of Pithoragarh district along the India-Nepal border have also responded. All these villages are in tribal-dominated regions.

The panel is going to recommence its public outreach to create awareness on the subject from November 9. "The tribal community was more aware of the UCC then those in the plains. They wanted gender neutral laws for all, in matters pertains to marriage, divorce and succession, to name a few," the member said.

Another member said elderly people in Pithoragarh told them that they had spent all they had on the education of their children and on sending them to cities but received nothing in return when they became old and helpless. "They questioned us that if children have equal rights in parents' income and property, parents should also be given equal rights [on their children's property] so that they can also live a decent life as their children live," the member said, adding that this suggestion would be included in the recommendations, along with another in which young men and women asked to have the same age for marriage.

"We have received suggestions to ban polygamy and polyandry, which too is common in the interior areas of the State," the member said.

The expert committee was formed by the Uttarakhand government to examine ways for implementing a UCC. A website was launched in September, seeking views from the public by October 22.

The committee is headed by retired judge Ranjana Prakash Desai. The other members are retired judge Pramod Kohli, social worker Manu Gaur, retired IAS officer Shatrughan Singh, and Vice-Chancellor of Doon University Surekha Dangwal.

Trade talks between U.K., India continuing, says Downing Street

Sriram Lakshman
LONDON

Rishi Sunak

Negotiations between India and the U.K. towards finalising a trade agreement have resumed under the Rishi Sunak government according to No. 10 Downing Street.

A spokesperson for the U.K. Prime Minister confirmed to *The Hindu* that negotiations have resumed under the nine-day-old Sunak government. "Yes ... negotiations continue," the spokesperson said at a briefing for the foreign press on Wednesday, when asked about the status of talks in the new British administration.

A Deepavali deadline for concluding a trade deal fell through at the eleventh hour, partly because Suella Braverman, Home Secretary in the Liz Truss government, had made comments about Indians being the largest group of visa overstayers in the U.K. The remark had irked the government, and the Indian High Commission in London responded, saying that it had acted on every case of visa overstaying referred to it by the Home Office. India is seeking greater mobility across borders for its professionals to deliver services in the U.K.

Asked by *The Hindu* if Mr. Sunak was concerned that his reappointment of Ms. Braverman (to the post of Home Secretary) might cause delays to the trade talks, the spokesperson said the U.K. had "every expectation of securing a landmark trade deal" with "intense negotiations" under way, led by the Department for International Trade. Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Mr. Sunak spoke on October 28 and discussed concluding the trade deal.

"In terms of the speed of it, we've been very clear that we won't sacrifice quality to achieve speed ... and so we're going to sign it when we have a balanced deal that represents both of our interests," the spokesperson said, adding that both sides remained committed.

Editors Guild urges Delhi Police to hold 'impartial' probe into complaints against *The Wire*

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Editors Guild of India (EGI) on Wednesday urged the Delhi Police to be objective and impartial in investigating all the complaints filed against *The Wire* news portal, asking them not to use "intimidatory tactics in disregard of democratic principles".

In a statement, the Guild said it was disturbed by the manner in which the Delhi Police Crime Branch carried out search and seizures at the homes of founding editors and senior editors of *The Wire*, as well as their office and the newsroom in Delhi on October 31.

The searches were carried out in a follow-up to a first information report (FIR) registered in response to a complaint filed by BJP IT cell chief Amit Malviya. "The haste with which the police searches were carried out at multiple locations, is excessive and disproportionate, and in the manner of a fishing and roving enquiry," the Guild said.

The Guild said that as per a statement published by *The Wire*, the police seized phones, computers, and iPads from the homes of the journalists, as well as from the office, and no hash value of the devices was given in spite of requests made by them.

"This is a serious violation of procedures and rules of investigation. Moreover, digital devices of editors and journalists would have sensitive information pertaining to journalistic sources and stories under work, the confidentiality of which can be seriously compromised in such seizures," it said.

SC dismisses petition against Justice Chandrachud, says it is 'completely misconceived'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Wednesday dismissed a petition seeking an order to restrain Justice D.Y. Chandrachud from taking oath as the Chief Justice of India on November 9.

A three-judge Bench led by Chief Justice of India U.U. Lalit said the plea was "completely misconceived".

"Having heard the learned counsel for the petitioner, we see no reason to entertain the petition. In our considered view, the entire petition is completely misconceived and the petition is therefore dismissed," the Bench ordered.

Justice D.Y. Chandrachud

Earlier in the forenoon, the Bench agreed to hear the plea at 12.45 p.m. itself, instead of Thursday as urged by counsel for petitioner Mursalin Asijith Shaikh.

'No substance'

During the brief hearing, the lawyer made allegations about discrimination shown in court while tagging a case represented by a junior lawyer.

"We do not see any substance in this," the Bench finally said, rejecting the petition.

Justice Chandrachud is scheduled to take over as the 50th Chief Justice of India on November 9.

Ministry signs agreement with Patanjali Ayurveda

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Union Rural Development Ministry on Wednesday signed an agreement with Patanjali Ayurveda for marketing of products made by women self-help groups (SHGs).

Patanjali Ayurveda will not only market the products but also provide the SHGs opportunities to get dealership and distribution of such products.

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, Projects Division, Yelahanka Zone, Byatarayanapura, Bengaluru-560 092.
No.BBMP/YNK/EE(Project)/TEND/16/2022-23 Date: 31.10.2022
INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (NIT)
(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only) (Two Cover System)

The Executive Engineer, Projetcs Division, Yelahanka Zone invites tenders from eligible tenderers for the work detailed in the table below:

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Est. Cost (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD (Rs. in Lakhs)
1.	Development of parks at Sandeep Unnikrishnan Road from Purvankara Apartment to GKVK Road in Attur Ward No. 04.	241.00	3.62
2.	Development of balance works at Nisarga Park in Someswara Ward No. 03.	83.00	1.66

1) Tender documents may be downloaded from GoK e-procurement portal. **2)** Last date & time for queries (only through online): **09.11.2022 upto 3.00 p.m. 3)** Pre-bid meeting : **10.11.2022 at 4.00 p.m. 4)** Last date & time for receipt of tenders: **14.11.2022 upto 4.00 p.m. 5)** Opening of Technical Bids: **15.11.2022 at 4.30 p.m. 6)** Opening of Financial Bids: **17.11.2022 at 4.00 p.m.** (if possible). Further details can be accessed from GoK e-procurement website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** or contact the office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Projetcs Division, Yelahanka Zone.

Government of Odisha
Sports & Youth Services Department
Request for Proposal

Sports & Youth Services Department, Government of Odisha invites bids from leading firms/parties/agencies to the RfP for **"Supply, installation and maintenance of Gym equipment for DSYS, Govt. of Odisha"**. The details of the document are available at the website **https://tendersodisha.gov.in/**

Interested firms/ parties/ agencies are advised to study the RfP document carefully before submitting their bid.

Important Dates and Information :

Pre-Bid meeting - 05.11.2022 at 11.00 AM
Response to Pre-Bid queries - 07.11.2022
Last date and time of submission of proposal - 22.11.2022 up to 04:00 PM
Opening of the Technical Bid - 22.11.2022 at 5:00 PM
Technical presentation - to be intimated later

-Sd-
Commissioner-cum-Secretary

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Director, JIPMER, Puducherry invites applications from eligible Indian nationals for the following post:-

Sl. No.	Post Code	Name of Posts	No. of Posts & Reservation: Total Posts	UR	EWS	OBC	SC	ST
GROUP – B POST								
1.	312022	Nursing Officer*	433	175	43	116	66	33
		TOTAL	433	175	43	116	66	33

* As per decision of the JIPMER Governing Body, 80% posts of Nursing Officers are reserved for female candidates.

Note: *The number of posts is tentative and may change based on the requirement of the Institute. Any change will be notified only on JIPMER website before the selection examination (www.jipmer.edu.in).*

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The vacancies indicated above include the following horizontal reservation:

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312022	Nursing Officer	23# posts

including backlog vacancies.

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1. Details regarding age, qualification, experience, application fees, mode of examination / payment and other conditions of eligibility etc. for the post are available at: www.jipmer.edu.in.
2. Applications should be submitted **online**. online Registration will tentatively start from **07.11.2022**.The last date for closing of online application is **01.12.2022 till 04.30 P.M.**

DIRECTOR

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E-Procurement Notice No. 124/PSePROC/KU/2022 Dated: 02/11/2022
E-TENDER NOTICE FOR PROCUREMENT OF ANSWER SCRIPTS

E-Tender under two-bid system (Technical & Commercial bid) are invited from interested **Security Printers empanelled by Indian Bank Association** for supply of Answer Scripts. Last date is 10/11/2022 at 5:00 P.M. for further details visit www.tender.telangana.gov.in

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TAMIL NADU URBAN HABITAT DEVELOPMENT BOARD, SOUTH CIRCLE
NOTICE INVITING TENDER
FORM OF CONTRACT : "LUMPSUM" (TWO COVER SYSTEM)
Tender Notice No.811/DB/2022 / Dated:01.11.2022

For and on behalf of Tamil Nadu Urban Habitat Development Board, sealed tenders consisting of two separate sealed covers one for Pre-qualification with EMD to be enclosed in 'A' cover and another for price schedule with name of work duly superscribed to be enclosed in 'B' cover, are invited from the registered contractors under Class-I (Above Rs.75.00 lakhs / Revised Monetary limit under eligible category of classes vide G.O.(Ms).No.37/Public Works (G2) Department, Dt:17.06.2022 in TNUHDB / Government Departments / Government undertakings by the Superintending Engineer, South Circle, Tamil Nadu Urban Habitat Development Board,169.K.K.Nagar Main Road, Madurai - 20 up to 3.00 PM on **06.12.2022** and the same will be opened at 3.15 PM on the same day in the presence of the Tender Scrutiny Committee.

Sl. No	Name of Work	Tender Value Rs.in Lakh Period of contract	EMD (in Rs.)
1.	Construction of 408 (S+6) tenements adopting Type Design No.23/2021 including internal water supply, sanitary and electrification arrangements including development works at Dr.Ambedkar Nagar in Tirunelveli District under Vertical-III, AHP of PMAY, HFA. **CER-South.No.04/2022-2023**	4433.20 ---------- 18 Months	22,27,000/-
2.	Construction of 396 (S+9) tenements adopting Type Design No.22/2021 including internal water supply, sanitary and electrification arrangements including development works at Subramaniapuram Colony in Madurai Corporation under Vertical-III, AHP of PMAY, HFA. **CER-South.No.05/2022-2023**	5424.64 ---------- 18 Months	27,22,500/-

The cost of tender schedule, EMD should be drawn as Demand Draft or Banker's Cheque from Nationalised / Scheduled Bank payable in favour of the Executive Engineer, Tirunelveli Division,TNUHDB, payable at Tirunelveli in S.No.1 and in favour of the Executive Engineer, Madurai Division,TNUHDB, payable at Madurai in S.No.2. The tender documents may be obtained from the office of the Superintending Engineer, South Circle, TNUHDB,169.KK Nagar Main Road, Madurai - 20 on written requisition along with cost of the tender document to a value of Rs.17,700/-(Non refundable) upto 3.00 PM on **05.12.2022**

Conditions for participating in the tenders may be seen from the website www.tenders.tn.gov.in.

169,K.K.Nagar Main Road, Opp. Jawagar Hospital, Madurai 625 020.

Superintending Engineer South Circle.

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BANGALORE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORT CORPORATION
Central Offices: Mechanical Engg., K.H. Road, Shantinagar, Bengaluru-560 027. Tele No.: 080-22537519

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Sub: Expression of Interest (EoI) for procurement of 10 Electric AC Double Decker Buses and supply, operation & maintenance of 100 Mini Non-AC Electric Buses on GCC model.

Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation is a state-owned urban transport undertaking in Bangalore, playing a pivotal role in providing urban transport. At present Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation is operating 5646 buses from its 46 depots with 03 major bus stations and 10 TTMCs. BMTC intends to invite Expression of Interest (EoI) from eligible companies/consortium for the procurement of 10 Electric AC Double Decker buses of 9.0 to 9.5 mtr length and supply, operation & maintenance of 100 Mini Non-AC 6-7 mtr Electric buses on GCC model as a part of the expansion programme for transition to electric mobility from Diesel fuelled buses. The details of the EoI is available in the BMTC website **www.mybmtc.com**

The EoI Proposal date is to be submitted within 17th November 2022 at the following address:

Postal Address: Chief Mechanical Engineer, BMTC, Central Offices, Bengaluru-27. Fax No.: 080-22537493, Phone No.: 080-22537519, Email Address: **cme@mybmtc.com** Website: **www.mybmtc.com**

Sd/- Chief Mechanical Engineer

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INBRIEF

DRDO tests Phase 2 of ballistic missile defence

The Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO) on Wednesday conducted the maiden flight-test of Phase 2 of the ballistic missile defence (BMD) interceptor missile successfully. "The AD-1 is a long-range interceptor missile designed for both low exo-atmospheric and endo-atmospheric interception of long-range ballistic missiles as well as aircraft. It is propelled by a two-stage solid motor and equipped with an indigenously developed advanced control system, navigation and guidance algorithm to precisely guide it to the target," a DRDO statement said. The test was conducted at the A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Island.

Hinduja Group hosts Deepavali party in London

After three years, the Hinduja Group hosted its Deepavali reception in London on October 26, marking the family's first in-person celebration since the start of the pandemic. Over 300 guests, including peers, MPs, Ambassadors, diplomats, business leaders and journalists, were invited to Carlton House Terrace. Clive Alderton, Principal Private Secretary to King Charles III, delivered a Deepavali message from the new monarch, highlighting his commitment to all faiths and communities. Gopichand Hinduja, co-chairman, Hinduja Group, along with his brothers Prakash and Ashok Hinduja, spoke on the significance of Deepavali and the importance of giving.

U.P. government demotes DSP to SI on bribe allegation

The Uttar Pradesh government has demoted a Deputy Superintendent of Police to sub-inspector after an inquiry into the allegation that he had taken a ₹5 lakh bribe in a rape case. Vidya Kishore Sharma was posted as Circle Officer and DSP in Rampur when a video of him accepting money went viral on social media, leading to major uproar. The Chief Minister's Office announced on Wednesday that he was demoted. "Due to allegations of indiscipline against the then CO/DSP of Rampur, the Chief Minister has decided to demote him to his rudimentary post," read a tweet from the office.

Pahari community added to ST list of Jammu and Kashmir

The National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST) has now cleared the way for the inclusion of the 'Pahari ethnic group' on the Scheduled Tribes list of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. The proposal green-lit by the commission also called for the inclusion of the "Paddari tribe", "Koli" and "Gadda Brahman" communities to be included on the ST list of J&K. This comes within a month of Union Home Minister Amit Shah announcing in a public address in Rajouri that the Pahari community would be given reservation in jobs and education. Government sources said that after several meetings of the commission, the panel cleared the proposal for their inclusion.

Centre 'doubles' fertilizer subsidy as prices see a surge

Cabinet approves a subsidy of ₹51,875 crore for nitrogen, phosphorus, potash and sulphur for phosphatic and potassium fertilizers for rabi season; highest subsidy so far, says Union Minister

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Considering the huge increase in the prices of fertilizers in global market, the Centre has "doubled" the fertilizer subsidy for this rabi season. A meeting of the Union Cabinet here on Wednesday approved a subsidy of ₹51,875 crore for nitrogen, phosphorus and potash (NPK) and sulphur for phosphatic and potassium fertilizers for the ongoing rabi season.

From the budget estimate of ₹21,000 crore of nutrient-based subsidy, the amount has been more than doubled, said Union Minister for Fertilizers and Chemicals Mansukh Mandaviya. Briefing media persons after the meeting, he said the Centre had revised the subsidy keeping the increasing market prices in mind.

Small relief: A farmer carries his harvested paddy for transport in Odisha. BISWARANJAN ROUT

'Highest so far'

He said the total fertilizer subsidy for the rabi season, including ₹80,000 crore for urea, would be ₹1,38,875 crore and for both the rabi and kharif, the subsidy amount would be ₹2.25 lakh crore. "This is the highest subsidy so far. Last year it was ₹1.65 lakh crore," Mr. Mandaviya said and added that as commercial prices had doubled due to the Ukraine-Russia conflict and the logistics issues due to pandemic the Centre decided to double the subsidy component too. "Increased prices would have burdened the farmers. We have ensured that there will not be any increase in the fertilizer prices in the next six months," he said.

Mr. Mandaviya said a bag of diammonium phosphate cost ₹1,350 and it would have cost ₹2,650 without subsidy. On urea, he said, the subsidy was around ₹2,400 a bag. It was being sold for about ₹266 instead of the market price of ₹2,700.

He said the Centre had taken measures to increase production of urea in India. While the requirement was 350 lakh tonnes, the production in the country was 250 lakh tonnes. He said four new plants were coming up and nano urea would also replace the use of urea slowly. Mr. Mandaviya said the country had enough stock of fertilizers for this season and reports about farmers queueing up to buy fertilizers were blown out of proportion.

The Centre said the move would help the farmers. "This will enable smooth availability of all P&K fertilizers to the farmers during rabi 2022-23 at affordable prices and support the sector. The volatility in the international prices of fertilizers and raw materials has been primarily absorbed by the Centre," a release said.

India-U.K. FTA will tighten screws on generic drugs: MSF

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI/LONDON

It is feared that the FTA provision goes directly against the current Indian patent law

The proposals on intellectual property (IP) rights in the draft India-U.K. Free Trade Agreement (FTA) will hurt the global supply of generic medicines, Doctors Without Borders (Médecins Sans Frontières or MSF) warned on Wednesday. In a press note, the international organisation said the intellectual property chapter of the India-U.K. FTA contains "harmful IP provisions". The IP-related chapter, leaked on October 31, showed the controversial provisions tabled by the U.K. to "tighten the screws on producing, supplying and exporting affordable generic medicines from India".

"Given the disastrous consequences this leaked IP chapter could have on the global supply of generic medicines, the U.K. government should withdraw it completely," Leena Menghaney, South Asia head of MSF's Access Campaign, said.

In a "Fact Sheet", MSF has argued that the demand for "harmonisation" of Indian patent law with the U.K.'s laws will lead to dilution of important provisions in the Indian patent system necessary for manufacturing generics.

"Article E.10 of the leaked IP chapter stipulates that both parties "shall not" make patent opposition proceedings available BEFORE the grant of a patent. In effect, this provision applies only to India as the U.K. does not have a pre-grant opposition system – this goes directly against the current Indian patent law, which allows patent opposition proceedings both before and after the grant of a patent," the MSF.

A U.K. government spokesperson said they would not comment on the "alleged leaks" and will sign "a deal that is fair, reciprocal, and ultimately in the best interests of the British people and the economy."

Curious collage shows rhino horns have been shrinking

Scientists analysed five centuries of artwork and photographs to assess changes in horn length and human attitudes towards the animal

Rahul Karmakar
GUWAHATI

The horns of rhinoceroses may have become smaller over time from the impact of hunting, according to a recent study which analysed artwork and photographs of the animal spanning more than five centuries.

The study, published in the latest edition of *People and Nature* by the British Ecological Society, relied on a repository of images maintained by the Netherlands-based Rhino Research Center (RRC).

"We found evidence for declining horn length over time across species, perhaps related to selective pressure of hunting, and indicating a utility for image-based approaches in understanding societal perceptions of large vertebrates and trait evolution," said the study, authored by scientists from the Universities of Helsinki and Cambridge, as well as the RRC.

Rhino horn is valued in many cultures. RITU RAJ KONWAR

Five species face threat

Rhinos have long been hunted for their horns. The five surviving rhino species are threatened by habitat loss and hunting.

The study found that the rate of decline in horn length was highest in the critically endangered Sumatran rhino and lowest in the white rhino of Africa, the most commonly found species in the wild and in captivity. This observation follows patterns seen in other animals, such as tusk size in elephants and horn length in wild sheep, which have been driven down by directional selection due to trophy hunting, the study said.

The RRC's repository holds a collection of more than 4,000 rhino images, including artistic portrayals from 1481 and photographs, of which the earliest was taken in 1862. The scientists used this for two research approaches.

They studied 3,158 images to assess the changes in representations of rhinos and human interactions with the animal over 500 years. They identified 80 images of all five rhino species, to analyse changes in horn length over time, extracting morphological data from photographs.

Gandhian, SEWA founder, and women's empowerment activist Elaben Bhatt dies

Mahesh Langa
AHMEDABAD

Elaben Bhatt, 89, Gandhian, leading women's empowerment activist and founder of the Self-Employed Women's Association (SEWA), passed away on Wednesday in a hospital in Ahmedabad after a brief illness.

The recipient of several national and international awards, including the Padma Bhushan, the Ramon Magsaysay Award, and the Indira Gandhi Peace Prize, she was globally recognised as a woman leader who carried out pioneering work in organising the informal sector for self-employment and empowerment of women not only in India but across South Asia.

Elaben was the Chairperson of the Sabarmati Ashram and recently resigned as the Chancellor of the Mahatma Gandhi-founded Gujarat Vidhyapith. In 2007, she became part of a group of world leaders called the Elders, founded by Nelson Mandela to promote human rights and peace across the world.

Elaben Bhatt

Working women

She was also a member of the Rajya Sabha and the Planning Commission in the 1980s. She served in many international organisations, including Women's World Banking, a global network of microfinance organisations, which she co-founded. She also served as an Adviser to the World Bank. Founded by her in 1972, SEWA is one of the largest cooperatives working for women, with a base of over two million members from as many as 18 States in the country and in neighbouring nations.

"Sad to know about the death of Elaben Bhatt. She will be remembered long for her work for the promotion of women's empowerment, social service and education among the youth. Condolences to her family members and admirers," Prime Minister Narendra Modi tweeted.

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot and many other political leaders also expressed their condolences over her demise.

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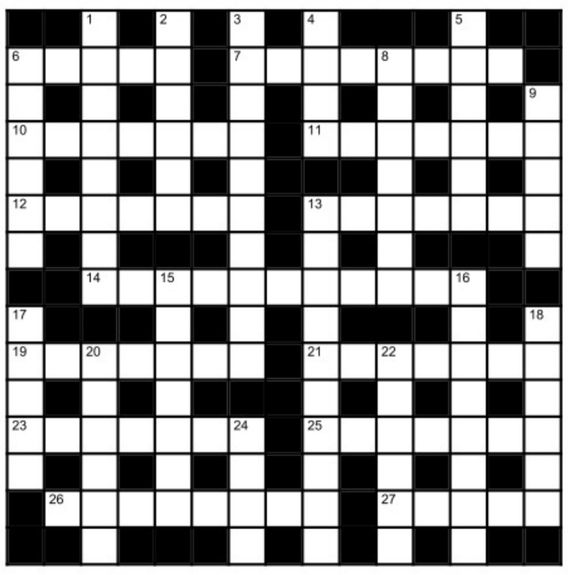

Across

6 One wearing cotton occasionally described in a few lines (5)
7 A flower placed inside — that's capital (8)
10 Gas for glass, say (7)
11 He gets all the money from opening in shelter (7)
12 Fast to get a doctor — that's brilliant (7)
13 Perhaps a ship carries half load of Mercurous chloride (7)
14 The right to be heard and to sustain cold treatment (5,6)
19 Country song about soldiers (7)
21 Rejected seed is ruin (7)
23 Often gardens are enclosed carrying a warning in fencing (2,5)
25 "Royal Emblems" — a first class beer from the Orient (7)
26 Marine creature gets back support on even nonissues (8)
27 Covered and we got intertwined (5)

Down

1 Report everything, detailed but nothing official (8)
2 Seek first authentic copy outside (6)
3 Shifting bases, collecting a rent for part of Arctic ocean (7,3)
4 Can have a little bit of meat (4)
5 Set duty in the morning at the inner sanctuary (6)
6 Drink up — entering a hot place (6)
8 African comes up with record breaking ones (7)
9 Instrument in half the film (5)
13 About 10 sign under such curves (10)
15 May fall under a spell (7)
16 Tense behind the bar, stealing single is cheeky (8)
17 Part of Switzerland in bottom left? On the contrary it's top left (5)
18 Greenland perhaps is not Green (6)
20 Felt around midnight can leave, fly later? (6)
22 Hungarian army managed to get silver (6)
24 Long story, part of the picture (4)

SUDOKU

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Solution to previous puzzle

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Thayar as Deeparekha

Devotees visiting the Sriranganathaswamy Temple in Srirangam never cease to be amazed by the lustrous, majestic gopuram that is visible miles before one actually reaches the destination. The light atop the gopuram shines brighter than any. When devotees stand in front of Lord Ranganatha, they are bedazzled by Him. However, they never tire at the sight of Ranganayaki Thayar when they enter her sanctum sanctorum. They are transfixed by the sight of Her, resplendent in silks and jewellery; however everything pales in comparison to Her benevolent smile, which lights up the entire temple and shines like a celestial light on the gopuram. In his work Sri Gunaratna Kosam, Parasara Bhattar hails Her as *Sriranga harmyatala mangala Deeparekham*. The very essence of Thayar is to bestow everything a devotee desires and more, when he stands in front of Her with folded hands, said Dhamal Perundevi in a lecture.

When a devotee prays to God seeking His grace, Perumal might be hesitant to overlook the sinner's deeds, but Thayar will recommend that He overlook human frailty. When Perumal took avatar as Rama, Thayar descended on earth as Sita to help the Lord dispel the darkness of adharma and illuminate the world with dharma. It is for this reason that She was in Ashoka Vana with great patience to bring forth the light of dharma through Rama. But for this sinful deed of Her abduction and imprisonment, Rama would not have had a reason to wage war on Lanka. She rushes to help Perumal establish dharma. As Parasara Bhattar says Thayar is deeparekha or a brilliant streak of lightning that lights up the dark sky on a stormy night.

BEIJING

China imposes COVID lockdown on 6,00,000 around iPhone plant

Chinese officials imposed lockdowns on 6,00,000 people in the area surrounding the world's largest iPhone factory in Zhengzhou. Employees complained of poor conditions, lack of supplies and having to flee the factory on foot to avoid COVID transport curbs. There are currently more than 200,000 workers at the facility. AP

WARSAW

Poland lays razor wire on border with Russia to check migration

Polish soldiers began laying razor wire along Poland's border with the Russian exclave of Kaliningrad after the government ordered the construction of a barrier to prevent what it fears could become another migration crisis. The construction of the 210-km-long temporary border was approved by the Defence Minister. AP

MIAMI GARDENS

Biden tears into GOP at poll rally, labels DeSantis 'Trump incarnate'

U.S. President Joe Biden lashed out at Florida Republican Gov. Ron DeSantis as "Donald Trump incarnate", zeroing in on a potential 2024 GOP presidential contender while campaigning for Democrats. Mr. Biden said Mr. DeSantis was just another version of Mr. Trump and criticised him for "demonising the LGBTQ population." AFP

PRETORIA

Ethiopian government, Tigray agree to end fighting after 2 years

Ethiopia's warring sides agreed to a permanent cessation of hostilities in a 2-year conflict, but enormous challenges lie ahead, including getting all parties to lay down arms or withdraw. The African Union envoy said that both parties have agreed on "orderly, smooth and coordinated disarmament." REUTERS

Concerned about security of Chinese in Pak.: Xi to Sharif

Pakistan is a priority in China's neighbourhood diplomacy, Chinese President tells the PM, who is the first foreign head of government to visit Beijing following the start of Xi's third term

Ananth Krishnan
BEIJING

Chinese leader Xi Jinping told visiting Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif he was "deeply concerned" about the security of Chinese personnel working on projects in the country.

Mr. Xi also stressed Pakistan was "a priority in China's neighbourhood diplomacy", as the two leaders held talks in Beijing.

Mr. Sharif is the first foreign head of government to visit Beijing following the start of Mr. Xi's third five-year term, after the conclusion of the Communist Party congress last month. Vietnam Communist Party chief Nguyen Phu Trong, who met Mr. Xi earlier this week on a party-to-party visit, was the first overseas visitor in Mr. Xi's new term, while German Chancellor Olaf Scholz will visit China later this week, on Friday, underlining Beijing's stepped up diplomacy following the congress even as the "zero-COVID" policy remains in place.

Mutual benefits: Pakistan's Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif meeting Chinese President Xi Jinping in Beijing on Wednesday. REUTERS

Flood relief

Mr. Xi and Mr. Sharif discussed the flagship China Pakistan Economic Corridor plan, but did not announce any new major investments. The official *Associated Press of Pakistan* reported China offered an additional $68 million in flood relief.

Mr. Xi pointedly noted in an official statement released by Beijing that he was "deeply concerned about the security of Chinese people in Pakistan and hopes that Pakistan will provide a reliable and safe environment for Chinese institutions and personnel going to Pakistan".

This follows a number of attacks on Chinese nationals in the country. In April, three Chinese were killed following a suicide attack near a Confucius Institute in Karachi. Mr. Xi also underlined Pakistan's importance to China, saying they had an "iron-clad friendship" and Beijing "placed Pakistan in a priority in our neighbourhood diplomacy."

He also called for both sides "to create conditions" to carry forward the still-discussed upgrading of the Main-Line 1 railway line from Karachi to Peshawar.

The Associated Press of Pakistan reported Mr. Sharif and Mr. Xi "discussed key issues pertaining to the region" which included the situation in Kashmir. This was not, however, mentioned in the Chinese statements.

In a U-turn, Sunak says he will attend COP27 in Egypt

Sriram Lakshman
LONDON

Under pressure to rethink his decision not to attend the UN climate meet, 'COP27', in Egypt next week, British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak did a U-turn on Wednesday, saying he would go to Sharm-el-Sheik for the meeting.

"There is no long-term prosperity without action on climate change. There is no energy security without investing in renewables. That is why I will attend @COP27P next week: to deliver on Glasgow's legacy of building a secure and sustainable future," Mr. Sunak tweeted on Wednesday morning, before Prime Ministers' Questions in the House of Commons. Downing Street had said last Thursday that Mr. Sunak was focussed on a November 17 autumn Budgetary statement and was not expected to travel to Egypt.

Plea to join meeting

A group of parliamentarians from various parties had written to Mr. Sunak on Monday asking him to attend the meeting, which was hosted by the U.K. in Glasgow last year, when Boris Johnson was Prime Minister. Mr. Johnson had also confirmed that he would be attending the gathering in Sharm-El-Sheikh, which begins on Sunday. Over the last few days, Downing Street appeared to have begun the process of walking back Mr. Sunak's decision not to attend.

U.S. President Joe Biden and French President Emmanuel Macron are among the attendees of COP27, adding pressure on Mr. Sunak to attend. King Charles III, who has a long history of climate and environmental advocacy, was reportedly advised not to attend the conference by former Prime Minister Liz Truss. Buckingham Palace will instead hold a climate related event on Friday, whose guests will include Mr. Sunak and U.S. Presidential Climate Envoy John Kerry.

'Political management'

"Yet again we see a Prime Minister who only makes decisions for reasons of political management, not the national interest," shadow climate secretary Ed Miliband tweeted, accusing Mr. Sunak of going to Egypt to "avoid embarrassment".

N. Korea fires more than 20 missiles, one close to South

Agence France-Presse
SEOUL

North Korea fired more than 20 missiles on Wednesday, including one that landed close to South Korea's waters in what President Yoon Suk-yeol said was "effectively a territorial invasion".

Seoul's military said it was the "first time since the peninsula was divided" at the end of Korean War hostilities in 1953 that a North Korean missile had landed so close to the South's territorial waters.

One of the missiles landed in waters just 57 km east of the mainland.

South Korea, for its part, said it had fired three missiles into the sea towards the north of the two countries' maritime boundary.

Danish PM to form govt. after slim win

Agence France-Presse
COPENHAGEN

A day after scoring a narrow election victory, Denmark's Social Democratic Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen tendered her resignation on Wednesday to begin the process of forming a new, broader government.

Ms. Frederiksen's left-wing bloc, which includes five parties plus three seats from the autonomous territories Greenland and the Faroe Islands, won a majority of 90 seats in the 179-member House, compared to 73 for the right and far-right, and 16 for the centre.

Election is over, says Jair Bolsonaro

Associated Press
SAO PAULO

Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro's administration signalled a willingness to hand over power, two days after his election loss to Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva.

Mr. Bolsonaro told members of Brazil's Supreme Court on Tuesday that his election battle against Mr. da Silva has come to an end. Earlier, in a brief speech at the presidential palace, he said: "I have always played within the four lines of the constitution," although he stopped short of conceding.

Sri Lanka Opposition, civic activists and unions take out anti-government rally

Meera Srinivasan
COLOMBO

The Sri Lanka Police on Wednesday blocked an anti-government protest march organised by Opposition parties, civic activists and trade unions who demanded that the Ranil Wickremesinghe government "stop repression" and address the persisting economic crisis.

Members of Sri Lanka's main Opposition party Samagi Jana Balawegaya (SJB or United People's Force), along with student groups, lawyer and journalist collectives, and worker unions began a march from the busy Maradana locality north of the city centre, and planned to proceed towards Colombo's Fort area.

However, the police who earlier denied permission for the protest – despite many, including Sri Lanka's Human Rights Commission, issuing statements underscoring citizens' constitutional right to dissent – blocked participants from proceeding after a point.

New ordeal: Demonstrators clashing with police officers who blocked their protest march in Colombo on Wednesday. AP

Wednesday's march followed a protest rally organised by trade unions affiliated to the Opposition Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna (JVP) last week, and points to a potential new wave of protests in Sri Lanka, as citizens reel under hyperinflation – 66% in October – and food inflation of over 85%, amid reports of starvation and a growing concern over state repression.

'Protecting Rajapaksas'

Sixty-seven-year-old Zulaiya Biwi had come with her sister to the protest. "We can't allow this to go on. Everything from our light bill and water bill has increased so much. Food items are very costly. How are we supposed to eat?" she asked. Forced to close her small, home-based apparel business, she is struggling to earn a living.

Accusing President Wickremesinghe of "just protecting the Rajapaksas", Ms. Zulaiya said: "All the thieves and crooks are safe, but innocent people and youth are being jailed. Ranil [Wickremesinghe] did not come to power winning an election, he will not help us, he must go." Some protesters reflected the sentiment in the message on their headbands that read: "Ranil go home".

Several posters at the protest site referred to government "repression", the controversial rehabilitation bureau Bill, that critics fear would sanction abuse and torture, and the Prevention of Terrorism Act that rights defenders deem "draconian".

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our Client intends to purchase Agricultural Property more fully described in the schedule hereunder (Schedule Property) from its owners namely **Smt.Rathnamma,** W/o. Lingaraju, aged about 51 years, **Smt.Lakshmamma,** W/o. Yatheesh, aged about 49 years, and **Smt.Yashodamma,** W/o. Krishnamurthy, Aged about 47 years, all are Residing at No. Somanahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk.

If anybody has any charge, lien, interest or title or claim or agreement on the Schedule Property they should comfort with copies of Documents in support of such claim and produce the same to the undersigned within 7 days from the date of this Public Notice. In the event, no such legally tenable claim is received, our client shall proceed with the purchase of the Schedule Property as if no such claims exist or that they have been waived or abandoned.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ITEM No. I: All that piece and parcel of Agricultural Property bearing Sy. No. 85/1, (Old Sy. No. 85) measuring 39 guntas out of 3 acres 36, situated at Somanahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk belongs to Smt. Rat hnamma and bounded on the: East by: Road & Land in Sy. No. 82 & 86, West by: Land in Sy. No 108, North by: Land in Sy. No 89, South by: Sy. No. 85/2 Property belongs to Smt. Lakshmamma.

ITEM No. 2: All that piece and parcel of Agricultural Property bearing Sy. No. 85/2, (Old Sy. No. 85) measuring 39 guntas out of 3 acres 36, situated at Somanahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluni South Taluk belongs to Smt. Lakshmamma and bounded on the: East by: Road & Land in Sy. No. 82, West by: Land in Sy. No 108, North by: Sy. No. 85/1 Property belongs to Smt. Rathnamma, South by: Sy. No. 85/3 Property belongs to Smt. Yashodamma.

ITEM No. 3: All that piece and parcel of Agricultural Property bearing Sy. No. 85/3, (Old Sy. No. 85) measuring 1 acre 38 guntas out of 3 acres 36, situated at Somanahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk belongs to Smt. Yashodamma and bounded on the: East by: Road & Land in Sy. No. 90 & 82, West by: Land in Sy. No 108, North by: Sy. No. 85/2 Property belongs to Smt. Lakshmamma South by: Land in Sy. No 108.

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SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION No: 25/2022-23
Dated: 28.10.2022

The Short Term Tender is inviting through e-procurement on behalf of government of Karnataka by the Executive Engineer P.R.E.D. Tumkur, Under the head of account 5054-Chief minister Special grant Scheme of Tiptur Taluk 2022-23 as per KTTP Act 2000 The Tender Documents can be obtained from the e-procurement Web Site and submitt the details on or before Dated: **07.11.2022** upto 5.00pm. Further details can be obtained through website at http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in or contact this office during office working hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Panchayath Raj Engineering Division, Tumkur
DIPR/TUM/652/MCA/2022-23

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, Vijayanagara Division, Shasakara Bhavana, 1st Floor, 3rd Main, Vijayanagara, Bengaluru-560040
No.: EE(VJN)/AE/TN/GL-11/2022-23 Date: 02.11.2022

CORRIGENDUM-1

Subject: Regarding postponement of tender works.
Reference: Tender Notification No.: EE/VJN/AE/TN/ GL-11/22-23, Dt.: 07.10.2022

With reference to the above subject, the tender works Sl. No. 1, 2, 3, 5 to 10, 12 to 15, 17, 33, 34, 35, 37, 38, 39, 40, 42, 43, 45, 46, 47 dates has been postponed as mentioned below due to technical reasons. All other terms and conditions remain unaltered.

Sl. No.	Detail	Date
1	Date of downloading tender forms	from **14.11.2022**
2	Date of receipt of filled tender document	**23.11.2022** upto **4:00 p.m.**
3	Date of opening of Financial bid	**24.11.2022** at **4:30 p.m.**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Vijayanagara Division, BBMP

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KARNATAKA HOUSING BOARD
3rd Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, Bengaluru.
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SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through E-Procurement portal)

Karnataka Housing Board invite tender from the eligible contractors who are empanlled in Karnataka Housing Board through E-procurement.
Last date for submission of bid: 15.11.2022 Up to 4 PM

Sl. No.	NAME OF WORK
1	Construction of Post Matric Girls Hostel at Hariyabbe Village, Hiriyur Taluk, Chitradurga District. Work Indent No: KHB/2022-23/BD/WORK_INDENT 1034 & IFT No.164/ 2022-23, Date: 31.10.2022 Amount put to Tender Rs.2,44,76,165/-
2	Construction of Post Matric Professional Girls Hostel (Divided-1) at Chikkamagaluru Taluk, Chikkamangaluru District. Work Indent No: KHB/2022-23/BD/WORK_INDENT 1035 & IFT No.165/ 2022-23, Date: 31.10.2022 Amount put to Tender Rs.2,44,83,848/-

For further information, contact below mentioned office address:
Executive Engineer, Karnataka Housing Board, Cauvery Bhavan, Bengaluru.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer,
Karnataka Housing Board, Bengaluru
DIPR/CP/VCPL/2888/2022-23

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
Office Of The Executive Engineer, Public Works Department Division, Chitradurga
No.EE:PWD:CTA:AE-1:Tender-71:2022-23:2656 Date:- 29.10.2022

E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tenders are invited from registered Contractors in KPWD for the following work through e-Procurement Portal as per standard tender documents rules.

Name of work:- Two cover System :- Head of Account 5054-03-337-0-17-154 SH Improvements: (1) Improvements to N.H.A-48 road to Bhovi Mata road in Chitradurga Taluk Chitradurga District (WI.157349) Estimate Cost Rs. in Lakhs 900.00

Tender dates are as mentioned below: (1) Late Date & time for Tender Queries/ Clarifications 29-11-2022 Time: 17.30 (1) Last Date & time for receipt of tenders 30-11-2022 Time: 16.00 (1) Date & time for opening of Technical Bid 01-12-2022 Time: 16.01 (1) Date & time for opening of Financial Bid 03-12-2022 Time: 11.00 Further details can be obtained from this office and H.P. Company helpline Numbers 080-25501216 and 080-25501227.

DIPR/CTA/MCA/655/2022-23 Sd/- Executive Engineer

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ
ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಇಂಜನೀಯರರು, ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ವಿಭಾಗ ಕಾರವಾರ
ಸಂ: ಕಾ.ನಿ.ಇಂ./ಲೋ.ಇ.ವಿ.ಕಾ/ಪಿ.ಪಿ–2/ಟೆಂಡರ–24/2022–23/3069 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 29–10–2022

ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಆಹ್ವಾನ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ (ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್)

ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಈ ಕೆಳಗಿನ ಕೋಷ್ಟಕದಲ್ಲಿ ವಿವರಿಸಿರುವ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗಾಗಿ ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಇಂಜನೀಯರರು, ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಕಾರವಾರ ಇವರಿಂದ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಕೋಷ್ಟಕದಲ್ಲಿ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿರುವ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆಯನ್ನು ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಮಾತ್ರ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವದು. ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆಯನ್ನು ವಹಿಸಲು ಅರ್ಹರಾಗಬೇಕಾದಲ್ಲಿ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು **(ಕೆಡಬ್ಲೂ–1)** ರಲ್ಲಿ ನಿಗದಿಪಡಿಸಿರುವ ಷರತ್ತುಗಳನ್ನು ಗಮನಿಸುವದು.

(1) ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದ ವಿಚಾರಣೆಗೆ ಕೊನೆಯ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 14.11.2022 16.30 ಗಂಟೆ ವರೆಗೆ** (2) ಟೆಂಡರನ್ನು ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 15.11.2022 16.30 ಗಂಟೆ ವರೆಗೆ** (3) ಟೆಂಡರನ ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 16.11.2022 17.00 ಗಂಟೆ ವರೆಗೆ**

ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಹೆಸರು: H/Ac-3054-SH Road Maintenance (Flood Damage) ವರ್ಕ ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್: (1) 159152, H/Ac- 5054 Grama Bandhu ವರ್ಕ ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್: (1) 152943 (Call-3)

(ಕೆಡಬ್ಲೂ – 1) ರಲ್ಲಿನ ನಿಭಂದನೆಗಳನ್ನು ಮುಂದಿನ ದಿನಗಳಲ್ಲಿ **e-proc** ನಲ್ಲಿ ಸೂಚಿಸಲಾದ ನಿಭಂದನೆಗಳನ್ನು ಇಲಾಖಾ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಅಂದರೆ **"eproc.karnataka.gov.in"** ನೋಡಬಹುದು. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ help desk Bangalore (Phone No. 918025501216 & 918025501227) ಇವರನ್ನು ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದು.

ಸಹಿ/– ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು,
ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ಕಾರವಾರ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಕಾರವಾರ
DIPR/ADK/MCA/567/22-23 dt.31.10.2022

INBRIEF

Adani Transmission Q2 net profit falls 32% to ₹194 crore

Adani Transmission on Wednesday reported a 32% dip in consolidated net profit to ₹194 crore in the September quarter compared with the year earlier. The company said in Q2 of FY23, consolidated PAT of ₹194 crore was lower year on year. The Q2 number is not comparable on account of adverse forex movement of ₹138 crore vs ₹6 crore gain in the corresponding quarter of the previous fiscal in Adani Electricity Mumbai Ltd. business, the company stated. PTI

Bharti's 5G users cross 1-mn mark as it rolls out network

Telecom operator Bharti Airtel on Wednesday said the number of customers on its 5G service had crossed the 1-million mark within 30 days of commercial start even as the network was being built out. Earlier, Airtel had announced phase wise roll-out of its 5G services in Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Siliguri, Nagpur and Varanasi. The services in these cities are getting rolled out in a phased manner as the company continues to construct its network and complete the roll-out, according to Bharti. PTI

'India to be among top Asia 3 markets for Garmin in 5 years'

Swiss smart wearable device maker Garmin on Wednesday said it expects India to be among its top three markets in Asia in the next five years. The company announced the appointment of Yeshudas Pillai as the new country head for India operations. After the pandemic, people have now become more health-conscious and there is a sharp increase in the activity trends, which resonates well with Garmin's product line, Garmin's South-East Asia & India Regional Director Sky Chen said. PTI

RBI had to ensure recovery took hold before acting on inflation: Das

Central bank did not want to risk the costs to the economy and the people of the country by tightening policy too early, asserts Governor; Russia's war with Ukraine that started on February 24 changed the picture on inflation, he observes

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

A day before writing to the government detailing reasons for the central bank's protracted failure to keep inflation below 6% as mandated by law, RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das on Wednesday asserted that while there had been slippage in the inflation trajectory, any premature policy tightening could have proved costly for the country.

"We did not want to upset the process of recovery, we wanted the economy to safely land, reach the shores" before trying to pull down inflation, Mr. Das told bankers at FIBAC 2022, an annual banking conclave. "But February 24 [the day Russia invaded Ukraine] changed the entire picture," he added.

Stress on stability: 'Today, growth momentum has sustained, inflation is expected to moderate, financial sector is stable'. PTI

Stating that the counterfactual also needed to be appreciated, he said, "In the process [of dealing with the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic and war-induced imported inflation] there has been a slippage in our inflation trajectory to keep inflation below 6%, but it would have proved very costly for the economy, the citizens of this country. They would have paid a high cost," he asserted.

'Growth has sustained'

"Today, I can say with confidence that the whole debate about RBI [being] behind the curve has ended. Today, as we stand, the growth momentum has sustained, inflation is expected to moderate, the financial sector is stable and resilient, the balance sheets of banks are looking robust, corporate sector balance sheet is also strong, the MSME sector has withstood the crisis and there has been credit offtake." he added.

Underlining that domestic inflation remained elevated, he said the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) was closely monitoring the inflation trends as well as the effect of its past actions. "In our view, price stability, sustained growth and financial stability need not be mutually exclusive," Mr. Das emphasised.

Oil firms still losing money on diesel: Puri

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

PSU oil companies are losing a net ₹4 per litre on diesel while their margins have turned positive on petrol, Oil Minister Hardeep Singh Puri said on Wednesday

Mr. Puri said his ministry will seek assistance for the three fuel retailers - IOC, BPCL and HPCL - for the losses they incurred on holding prices since the Ukraine war to help the government fight inflation.

AI buys out AirAsia's stake in Indian venture, to fold unit into AI Express

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Air India (AI) has bought out the residual 16.3% stake held by Malaysia's AirAsia Aviation Group in AirAsia India as the Tata-owned airline moves to integrate the budget carrier with its low-cost international arm Air India Express (AIXL).

In a statement, AI said it had signed agreements to complete the acquisition of 100% shareholding in AirAsia India (AAI) and to turn it into a subsidiary.

"An operational review process is underway with a view to ultimately integrating AirAsia India fully with Air India Express (AIXL)," AI added.

'Route synergies'

The complete integration through a 'possible scheme of merger or otherwise' is expected to take almost 12 months during which the route network of the two airlines would be synergised, AI said.

"We are excited to initiate the creation of a single Air India Group low-cost carrier," said AI CEO Campbell Wilson.

"This is a key step in the rationalisation and transformation of the Group, and we will be working closely with the management teams and staff throughout the process.

"We also look forward to many new opportunities a stronger AI Group low-cost carrier will bring for customers and the staff alike," Mr. Wilson added.

Apart from these three, Tata Sons also has the Vistara venture with Singapore Airlines (SIA) and is in talks for merging it with AI.

During a recent media interaction, Mr. Wilson declined to comment on the talks with SIA but indicated the restructuring strategy could involve a low-cost model for domestic flights, and a full-service model for international ones. Vistara is a full-service carrier.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	WEDNESDAY	%CHANGE
Sensex	60,906	-0.35
US Dollar	82.80	-0.25
Gold	50,964	0.18
Brent oil	96.23	1.49

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	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	3580.70	5.00
Adani Ports	833.40	-8.40
Apollo Hosp	4383.10	-128.25
Asian Paints	3131.90	-27.50
Axis Bank	863.55	-8.20
Bajaj Auto	3736.80	4.10
Bajaj Finserv	1710.40	1.35
Bajaj Finance	7156.20	-53.30
Bharti Airtel	809.85	-25.70
BPCL	305.20	0.85
Britannia Ind	3723.95	-64.05
Cipla	1159.25	-14.15
Coal India	245.80	0.15
Divis Lab	3781.45	-55.00
Dr Reddys Lab	4555.65	20.35
Eicher Motors	3729.20	-69.20
Grasim Ind	1760.05	-1.25
HCL Tech	1045.20	-14.85
HDFC	2508.00	1.80
HDFC Bank	1514.20	0.95
HDFC Life	542.25	-2.30
Hero MotoCorp	2643.95	-29.20
Hindalco	421.30	6.90
Hind Unilever	2518.30	-33.50
ICICI Bank	904.70	-3.90
IndusInd Bank	1138.20	-12.95
Infosys	1553.30	-19.70
ITC	354.65	5.15
JSW Steel	684.20	-2.15
Kotak Bank	1909.95	0.75
L&T	2013.30	-11.15
M&M	1352.35	-1.70
Maruti Suzuki	9229.40	-225.20
NestleIndia	20387.35	-202.60
NTPC	180.95	-0.85
ONGC	136.45	1.30
PowerGrid Corp	233.30	-1.85
Reliance Ind	2545.65	15.80
SBI Life	1272.65	3.90
State Bank	573.85	-3.05
Sun Pharma	1051.95	15.35
TataConsumerProduct	768.05	-6.80
Tata Motors	422.15	0.80
Tata Steel	101.25	0.05
TCS	3241.70	-18.00
Tech Mahindra	1082.00	11.10
Titan	2728.45	-26.50
UltraTech Cement	6779.90	-41.00
UPL	717.55	0.55
Wipro	393.95	1.55

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on November 02

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	82.58	82.90
Euro	81.75	82.07
British Pound	94.97	95.34
Japanese Yen (100)	56.13	56.34
Chinese Yuan	11.34	11.39
Swiss Franc	82.93	83.25
Singapore Dollar	58.50	58.74
Canadian Dollar	60.69	60.95
Malaysian Ringitt	17.42	17.50
Australian Dollar	53.02	53.23

Source:Indian Bank

India wheat export doubles to $1.48 billion in April-Sept.

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

The country's wheat exports more than doubled to $1.48 billion during April-September as compared with the year-earlier period, the Commerce Ministry said.

Though the government banned wheat exports in May, some shipments are allowed to meet food security needs of the countries that request for it.

"Wheat export rose to $1,487 million in April-September from $630 million in April-September 2021," the Ministry said.

Supply disruption

The global wheat supply has been seriously disrupted because of the Russia-Ukraine war. Both nations

are major wheat producers.

The Ministry also said exports of agricultural and processed food products rose 25% during the six-month period of the fiscal.

The overall export of Agricultural and Processed Food Export Development Authority (APEDA) products increased to $13.77 billion in April-September 2022 from $11.05 billion in the year-earlier period.

For 2022-23, an export target of $23.56 billion has been fixed by APEDA and export of $13.77 billion has already been achieved in the six-month period.

Fresh fruit exports

Similarly, export of fresh fruits increased to $313 million from $301 million a year earlier. Export of lentils rose from $135 million to $330 million.

Basmati rice exports, too, increased to $2.28 billion from $1.66 billion a year earlier. Shipments of non-basmati rice registered a growth of 8% to $3.20 billion.

Similarly, export of poultry products increased 83% to $57 million, while shipments of dairy products climbed 58% to $342 million.

India aims to end urea imports from 2025: Minister

Reuters
NEW DELHI

India aims to end imports of urea from 2025 as the nation boosts its local production capacity with the commissioning of new plants, fertilisers minister Mansukh Mandaviya said on Wednesday.

"We are aiming for ending our dependence on imported urea by 2025... our five new plants will be commissioned by then," he told reporters.

Production of indigenous local urea containing nanoparticles of the crop nutrient would rise to 5 MT by 2025, he said, adding PM Narendra Modi will inaugurate the Ramagundam plant on November 12.

VISVESVARAYA JALA NIGAMA LIMITED
(Government of Karnataka Enterprise)
Office of the Executive Engineer
VJNL, Yettinahole Project Division, No.3 Arasikere
Ph: 08174233111 e-mail: eeypd3ask@gmail.com
Tender Notification No: EE/YP/VJNL/DIV-03/YGC/TN-09/2022-23/978 Dated:28.10.2022

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION No:09/2022-23 Dtd: 28.10.2022 (TWO COVER SYSTEM) (Only through E-procurement system)

Tenders in electronic mode on "PERCENTAGE BASIS" are invited on behalf of Managing Director, Visvesvaraya Jala Nigama Limited, Bangalore by the Executive Engineer, VJNL, Yettinahole Project Division No.3, Arasikere, Hassan District in two cover system (Cover I and Cover II). Details of works are as follows Sl. No 1.Name of work Construction of Elevated Trough from Ch: 112.896 km to 112.993 km of Yettinahole Gravity Canal for crossing the National Highway-206 Tiptur bypass Amount put to tender (Rs. In Lakhs)1507.61 Category of Contractor KPWD Class-1 contractors Details for submission of bids/EMD/ tender conditions/Pre-qualification criteria/ Pre bid details and other information related to above said workcan be obtained through e-portal www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in. Intending bidder can access the tender document from Date: 03.11.2022 through e-portal. The authority competent to accept the tenders shall have the right of rejecting all or any of the tenders without assigning any reasons and will not be bound to accept the lowest tender. Corrigendum/addendum will be published in the e-portal. Any further information required may be obtained from the office of the undersigned during office hours. Executive Engineer,VJNL, YP Division, No.3, Arasikere. Ph: 08174-233111, e-mail: eeypd3ask@gmail.com

Sd/- Executive Engineer, VJNL, Y P Division, No.3 Arasikere

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given to the public that we are investigating the right, title, interest, benefits, entitlements of whatsoever nature of the owners of the Property situated at Wellington Street, Richmond Town,, Bangalore, admeasuring 800.730957 Sq.mtrs, which is more particularly described in the Schedule hereunder written and hereinafter called "**Schedule Property**".

ALL persons including an individual, a Undivided Family, a company, banks, financial institution(s), non- banking financial institution(s), a firm, an association of persons or a body of individuals whether incorporated or not, lenders and/or creditors having any objection, claim, right, title and/or interest in respect of Schedule Property or any part or portion thereof by way of sale, memorandum of understanding, exchange, mortgage, pledge, charge, gift, trust, inheritance, succession, possession, lease, tenancy, maintenance easement, license, bequeath, share, assignment, lien, attachment, development rights, right of way, lis pendens, reservation, agreement, FSI consumption, development rights, or any liability or commitment or otherwise or demand of any nature whatsoever are hereby requested to inform the same in writing, supported with the original documents, to the undersigned having their office at 6/12, Gurappa Avenue, Primrose Road Bengaluru 560 025 within a period of **14 (Fourteen) days** from the date of publication of this notice, failing which, the claim or claims, if any, of such person or persons shall be considered to have been waived and/or abandoned.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of property being land together with building thereon bearing Municipal No. 20 (Old No. 23), BBMP PID No. 76-34-20, admeasuring 800.730957 Sq.mtrs, situated at Wellington Street, Richmond Town, Bangalore and bounded on the

East by : Alfred Street **West by** : Wellington Road
North by : Premises No. 19 **South by** : Premises No. 21

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Dated : 03/11/2022

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(ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಉದ್ಯಮ)
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ಇ–ಮೇಲ್: eeknnlbgk@gmail.com
ಸಂ: ಕಣೀನಿನಿ/ವಿ–1/ಪಿಬಿ/ಟಿಎಂಡಿ/2022–23/ 1108 ದಿನಾಂಕ:31–10–2022

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Manali Petro Q2 net shrinks 90% as input costs increase

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Manali Petrochemicals Ltd. (MPL) standalone net profit for the second quarter contracted 90% to ₹12 crore on economic downtrend and an increase in raw-material cost.

Revenue from operations slid 35% to ₹261 crore while raw material cost rose by 16% to ₹200 crore, it said in a regulatory filing.

"Though sales volume could be maintained, product prices had been falling on the one hand and the input costs going up on the other, wearing down margins," said MD M. Ravi.

ISMA seeks better price for ethanol from sugarcane juice

The Hindu Bureau
COIMBATORE

ISMA said the revised price for ethanol was inadequate to drive investment in adding capacity in the sector

The Indian Sugar Mills Association (ISMA) has urged the Centre to reconsider the revised prices for ethanol derived from sugarcane juice or sugar syrup.

Welcoming the revised price for ethanol for 2022-2023 to be implemented from December 1 for C-heavy molasses and B-heavy molasses, ISMA said that the revised price for ethanol manufactured from sugarcane juice/sugar syrup was, however, inadequate to drive additional investments in building new capacity in the sector.

ISMA Director General Sonjoy Mohanty said the industry had demanded a price based on return on equity with a payback period of five years for ethanol from sugar juice or syrup. This would work out to ₹69.85 a litre while the government had fixed ₹65.61 for a litre.

A higher fixed price would give the industry the much-needed push to meet the target, he said.

IFC, IFC Asia fund invest ₹300 crore in Crystal Crop

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Agro-chemical firm Crystal Crop Protection Ltd. said IFC and IFC Emerging Asia Fund have invested ₹300 crore in the company.

"An investment of ₹300 crore (approximately $37 million) by IFC and IFC Emerging Asia Fund in Crystal Crop Protection Ltd. will allow the company to boost farm productivity, reduce supply-chain disruptions triggered by COVID-19, and set up a robust infrastructure for sustainable production of crop-protection products," the company said.

India pips Bangladesh in tense finish, inches closer to a semifinal spot

Litton's 27-ball 60 goes in vain as the Tigers fall short by five runs in a rain-affected match; Rahul finds his feet finally while Kohli continues to flourish; Men in Blue defend a total of 184, thanks to Arshdeep's fine bowling that included a nerveless final over

T20 WORLD CUP

K.C. Vijaya Kumar
ADELAIDE

A Wednesday night of whimsical skies and moist interludes threw up a close game. The kind that had the players walking the razor's edge. In the end India prevailed over a fighting Bangladesh in the ICC Twenty20 World Cup Super 12 Group 2 match here at the Adelaide Oval. The Men in Blue won by five runs after a rain-break reduced Bangladesh's target to 151 from 16 overs while originally India had posted 184 for six.

Purple patch: Kohli came to the party yet again, scoring an unbeaten 44-ball 64 with eight fours and a six. GETTY IMAGES

Blinder

Pursuing a stiff total, Bangladesh set a breathless pace with Litton Das playing the lead act. The opener played a blinder, finding his early appetisers from Arshdeep Singh, the fours coming with rapidity. Bhuvneshwar Kumar wasn't spared too. There was a sliver of luck for Litton on 27, as his edge eluded a diving Dinesh Karthik.

It got worse for Bhuvneshwar as the batter scooped a six and Mohammed Shami was whipped too with another six ushering in Litton's rapid fifty. In all this time, his fellow-opener Najmul Hossain Shanto remained a mere observer. As Shami steamed in, Litton unleashed an inside-out loft-ed drive. The rains then slithered in and Bangladesh at 66 for no loss in seven overs was ahead by 17 runs on the DLS Method.

Momentum shift

When the showers paused and the game restarted at 9.50 p.m. (local time), Bangladesh needed 85 from nine overs.

There was a shift in momentum as Shanto sought a two off R. Ashwin and a flailing Litton (60) failed to beat K.L. Rahul's throw from the deep and the tide began to change.

Shanto and captain Shakib Al Hasan played some rousing strokes but they and the rest attempted to soar past the fence and that resulted in a flurry of catches.

It boiled down to 20 from the last over and despite Nurul Hasan pulling a six, Arshdeep kept his head and Bangladesh finished with 145 for six

Earlier, Shakib won the toss and elected to field and Rahul's quest for runs finally yielded results.

The opener deposited Shoriful Islam into the stands while Rohit Sharma enjoyed a reprieve on one, being dropped by Hasan Mahmud off Taskin Ahmed.

However, Rohit failed to capitalise and immediately found a fielder.

Meanwhile, Rahul toyed with Mahmud, hitting a four and six, shots that blended power with aesthetics. Virat Kohli got his initial runs through edges before settling into his hurried-single and the expansive shot routine.

Soon Rahul raced to his 50, hoisting and slicing Shoriful Islam for sixes just as the sun's rays lit up the traditional scoreboard. The opener immediately succumbed to Shakib, lobbing one to short fine-leg.

Next-man Suryakumar Yadav cut Shakib, escaped a run-out, got dropped on 11 by Mustafizur Rahman and essayed two disdainful fours off Mahmud. Suryakumar fell on the cut to Shakib.

It was left to Kohli (64 n.o.) to hold fort as Hardik Pandya, Karthik and Axar Patel formed a procession back to the dugout.

The former captain pulled and hoisted Mahmud while in the last over from Shoriful, Ashwin turned the aggressor, finding the elevation over square-leg and then chipping one over mid-off as India finished with a total that survived through the night and perhaps has one foot in the semifinals.

SCOREBOARD

INDIA
K.L. Rahul c Mustafizur b Shakib 50 *(32b, 3x4, 4x6)*, Rohit Sharma c Yasir b Mahmud 2 *(8b)*, Virat Kohli (not out) 64 *(44b, 8x4, 1x6)*, Suryakumar Yadav b Shakib 30 *(16b, 4x4)*, Hardik Pandya c Yasir b Mahmud 5 *(6b)*, Dinesh Karthik run out 7 *(5b, 1x4)*, Axar Patel c Shakib b Mahmud 7 *(6b, 1x4)*, R. Ashwin (not out) 13 *(6b, 1x4. 1x6)*; Extras (lb-1, nb-3, w-2): 6; Total (for six wkts. in 20 overs): 184.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-11 (Rohit, 3.2 overs), 2-78 (Rahul, 9.2), 3-116 (Suryakumar, 13.3), 4-130 (Hardik, 15.1), 5-150 (Karthik, 16.6), 6-157 (Axar, 18.1).

BANGLADESH BOWLING
Taskin 4-0-15-0, Shoriful 4-0-57-0, Mahmud 4-0-47-3, Mustafizur 4-0-31-0, Shakib 4-0-33-2.

BANGLADESH
(Target: 151 in 16 overs)
Najmul Hossain Shanto c Suryakumar b Shami 21 *(25b, 1x4, 1x6)*, Litton Das run out 60 *(27b, 7x4, 3x6)*, Shakib Al Hasan c sub (Hooda) b Arshdeep 13 *(12b, 2x4)*, Afif Hossain c Suryakumar b Arshdeep 3 *(5b)*, Yasir Ali c Arshdeep b Hardik 1 *(3b)*, Nurul Hasan (not out) 25 *(14b, 2x4, 1x6)*, Mosaddek Hossain b Hardik 6 *(3b, 1x6)*, Taskin Ahmed (not out) 12 *(7b, 1x4, 1x6)*; Extras (lb-2, w-2): 4; Total (for six wkts. in 16 overs): 145.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-68 (Litton, 7.2), 2-84 (Shanto, 9.1), 3-99 (Afif, 11.1), 4-100 (Shakib, 11.5), 5-102 (Yasir, 12.2), 6-108 (Mosaddek, 12.5).

INDIA BOWLING
Bhuvneshwar 3-0-27-0, Arshdeep 4-0-38-2, Shami 3-0-25-1, Axar 1-0-6-0, Ashwin 2-0-19-0, Hardik 3-0-28-2.

Toss: Bangladesh; **MoM:** Kohli.
India won by five runs (DLS method).
India's next match: Nov. 6 vs. Zimbabwe, Melbourne, 1.30 p.m. IST.

NEW HIGH

Kohli climbs to the top of the run charts in T20 World Cups

India's Virat Kohli on Wednesday became the highest run-scorer in Twenty20 World Cup history when he reached 16 against Bangladesh. Kohli surpassed former Sri Lanka captain Mahela Jayawardene's total of 1,016 runs in his 23rd innings. Jayawardene took 31 innings.

NUMERO UNO

Suryakumar Yadav becomes world's No. 1 T20I batter

Suryakumar Yadav officially became the world's No. 1 T20I batter on Wednesday. He overtook Mohammad Rizwan to become the second Indian to hold the top ranking after Virat Kohli. Sri Lanka spinner Wanindu Hasaranga advance four places to second position among bowlers.

THE BIG ONE

Need to bring our A-game against Pakistan, says Miller

South Africa batter David Miller said the team will need to bring its "A-game" when it faces Pakistan in the Twenty20 World Cup in Sydney on Thursday. "Against Pakistan you've got to make sure that you're on your A-game as an opponent," Miller told reporters on Wednesday.

PARIS MASTERS

Alcaraz, Tsitsipas advance; Medvedev knocked out

World No.1 Carlos Alcaraz eased into the last 16 of the Paris Masters on Wednesday with a 6-4, 6-4 win over Yoshihito Nishioka. Stefanos Tsitsipas booked his place in the quarterfinals with a 6-3, 6-4 win over Britain's Dan Evans. Alex De Minaur upset Daniil Medvedev 6-4, 2-6, 7-5.

PRO KABADDI LEAGUE

Plucky Warriors rally to hold Thalaivas in sensational tie

Bengal Warriors fought back from 14-26 down to tie 41-41 with Tamil Thalaivas in the Pro Kabaddi League in Pune on Wednesday. Maninder Singh (19) and skipper Deepak Hooda (11) shone for Warriors. Narender (15) did well for Thalaivas. Earlier, U Mumba pipped Telugu Titans 40-37.

Game-changer: Rahul's direct hit from the deep sent back the dangerous Litton and swung the contest India's way. GETTY IMAGES

I was doing the process right, says Rahul

K.C. Vijaya Kumar
ADELAIDE

K.L. Rahul walked into the press-conference hall located in the Adelaide Oval's basement. His face mirrored no emotion while he squared up to the media after what for him was a fulfilling day on the field.

Crucial

The vice-captain's 50 and the throw that left Litton Das stranded were crucial to India's five-run victory over Bangladesh in the ICC T20 World Cup game here on Wednesday.

But he did break into a grin when pressed to describe that bolt from the deep.

"Oh yes, the throw was good," he said and then lapsed into a serious veneer while mentioning his self-belief and his mantra about a good knock being just around the corner.

"I was doing the process right, was seeing the ball well and I was confident about a score and making a contribution to the team. The management has always supported the players. Today I got a few balls on the middle (of the bat) and from then on it was my game. I wasn't thinking about external factors," Rahul said.

Pat for Litton

The opener also lauded Litton's effort, a theme that was first seen in Shakib Al Hasan's press-conference.

"The mood was good in the dressing room (during the rain-break). Yes, it was slippery (after the rains) but we wanted to play, get on the field and get those runs but we fell short," the Bangladesh skipper said.

Shakib revealed that there were plans for all the Indian batters, especially Virat Kohli.

"There were a few edges initially, but Virat is such a good player," Shakib said and then praised seamer Arshdeep Singh: "He has a bright future and I wish he keeps contributing to the game."

van Meekeren, O'Dowd shine as Netherlands upstages Zimbabwe

How they stand

GROUP 1	M	W	L	NR	PTS	NRR
New Zealand	4	2	1	1	5	2.233
England	4	2	1	1	5	0.547
Australia	4	2	1	1	5	-0.304
Sri Lanka	4	2	2	0	4	-0.457
Ireland	4	1	2	1	3	-1.544
Afghanistan	4	0	2	2	2	-0.718

GROUP 2	M	W	L	NR	PTS	NRR
India	4	3	1	0	6	0.730
South Africa	3	2	0	1	5	2.772
Bangladesh	4	2	2	0	4	-1.276
Zimbabwe	4	1	2	1	3	-0.313
Pakistan	3	1	2	0	2	0.765
Netherlands	4	1	3	0	2	-1.233

Reuters
ADELAIDE

Zimbabwe's hopes of reaching the semifinals of the ICC T20 World Cup effectively evaporated following its five-wicket defeat by the Netherlands in a Group 2 match on Wednesday.

It was all out for 117 in 19.2 overs failing to vindicate skipper Craig Ervine's decision to bat first. Only Sikandar Raza, who smashed three sixes in his belligerent 40, and Sean Williams (28) reached double digits.

Paul van Meekeren claimed three for 29 as the Dutch seamers dictated terms.

Max O'Dowd led the reply with 52 and Tom Cooper made 32 as the Dutch side, which has already crashed out, registered its first Super 12 win with two overs to spare.

The scores:
Zimbabwe 117 in 19.2 overs (Sikandar Raza 40, Paul van Meekeren 3/29) lost to Netherlands 120/5 in 18 overs (Max O'Dowd 52, Tom Cooper 32).
MoM: O'Dowd.

O'Dowd. AFP

Today's match

Pakistan vs. South Africa
Sydney, **1.30 p.m.** IST
H2H IN T20Is
Played **21**
Pakistan **11** | South Africa **10**

Vidarbha runs into mighty Mumbai; H.P. meets Punjab

Y.B. Sarangi
KOLKATA

Star-studded Mumbai will rely on its depth against a competent Vidarbha in the semifinals of the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy on Thursday.

The Ajinkya Rahane-led team, packed with batters like Shreyas Iyer, Prithvi Shaw and Yashasvi Jaiswal and all-rounder Shivam Dube, showed the capability of its long batting line-up when it notched up a two-wicket win over Saurashtra in the quarterfinals.

Vidarbha, which has also benefitted from the good showing of batters like Akshay Wadkar, Apoorv Wankhede and Atharva Taide, will expect them to rise to the occasion.

In the other semifinal, Himachal Pradesh faces a tough challenge against a formidable Punjab.

Boasting the likes of Shubman Gill, Abhishek Sharma, Prabhsimran Singh and Anmolpreet Singh, Punjab has the firepower to get past H.P.

Nandhidhaa and Pragg move closer to glory

Rakesh Rao
NEW DELHI

Continuing her amazing run, 13th seed P.V. Nandhidhaa stopped Soumya Swaminathan and established an unsurpassable one-point lead going into the women's final round of the Asian chess championship here.

R. Praggnanandhaa (6.5 points) beat Koustav Chatterjee to emerge the sole leader for the first time.

Leading eighth-round results:

Open: Koustav Chatterjee (5.5) lost to R. Praggnanandhaa (6.5); Shamsiddin Vokhidov (Uzb, 6) drew with Harsha Bharathakoti (6); Saparmyrat Atabayev (Tkm, 5) lost to S. L. Narayanan (6).

Leon Mendonca (5) lost to B. Adhiban (6); Karthik Venkatraman (6) bt Maksat Atabayev (Tkm, 5); Ayush Sharma (4.5) lost to S.P. Sethuraman (5.5); N. R. Vignesh (5) drew with Aravindh Chithambaram (5); M. Karthikeyan (5) drew with Pranav Anand (5); Abhimanyu Puranik (5) drew with Raja Rithvik (5); V. Pranav (4.5) lost to M. Pranesh (5.5).

Women: P.V. Nandhidhaa (7) bt Soumya Swaminathan (5); N. Priyanka (5.5) lost to Divya Deshmukh (6); Padmini Rout (6) bt Mary Ann Gomes (4.5); Vantika Agrawal (5) drew with Kiran Manisha Mohanty (5).

Vo Thi Kim Phung (Vie, 5.5) bt C. Sahajasri (4.5); Nguyen Thi Mai Hung (Vie, 5) drew with Isha Sharma (4.5); Nisha Mohota (4.5) drew with Tania Sachdev (4.5); Aakansha Hagawane (4.5) drew with Nomin-Erdene Davaademberel (Mgl, 4.5);.

Eesha Karavade (4.5) drew with Srija Seshadri (4.5); Enkhtuul Altan-Ulzii (Mgl, 4) lost to Rakshitta Ravi (5).

INBRIEF

Hussamuddin, Lakshya in Asian boxing quarterfinals

Hussamuddin defeated Kyrgyzstan's Seiitbek Uulu 3-2 to advance to the 57kg quarterfinals of the Asian Elite Boxing championship in Amman, Jordan, on Wednesday. Late on Tuesday night, Lakshya Chahar (80kg) blanked Shabbos Negmat of Tajikistan 5-0 in the pre-quarterfinals.

Indian teams in last four in Asian squash championships

The Indian men's and women's teams entered the semifinals of the Asian team squash championships at Cheongju, South Korea, on Wednesday. The top-seeded men blanked Chinese Taipei 3-0 to top Group A with an all-win record (five wins), while the women, seeded third, defeated Iran 3-0 to finish second in Group B behind Hong Kong. Both the teams will take on Malaysia on Thursday.

Ann Mariya lifts gold in the 87kg category

Ann Mariya M.T. claimed the +87kg gold on the concluding day of the Khelo India National-ranking women's weightlifting tournament at Modinagar, Uttar Pradesh, on Wednesday. Ann Mariya lifted 90kg in snatch and 123kg in clean and jerk for a total of 213kg. She beat Purnima Pandey by 1kg. Maibam Martina Devi (83kg, 108kg, 191kg) was the junior champion.

The results (seniors only): **+87kg:** 1. Ann Mariya M.T. (snatch 90kg, clean and jerk 123kg, total 213kg); 2. Purnima Pandey (95kg, 117kg, 212kg); 3. Jasbir Kaur (83kg, 109kg, 192kg).

Bhaskar emerges winner in senior men's billiards

B. Bhaskar defeated M.L. Lakshman in the final to emerge the winner in the Karnataka State ranking senior men's billiards championship in Bengaluru. In the senior men's snooker first round, Nehul Jain took out Aswin Paul 106-3, 39-52, 57-13, 58-38.

Billiards results: Final: B. Bhaskar bt M.L. Lakshman 152-143, 150-125, 151-45, 151-0. **Third-place:** D. Rajkumar bt I.H. Manudev 150-60, 159-128.

Italy proves too good for India in Junior Davis Cup

Fourth seed Italy beat India 3-0 in the second league match of the Junior Davis Cup under-16 World Group tennis tournament in Antalya, Turkey, on Wednesday.

The results (league): Italy bt India 3-0 (Lorenzo Carboni bt Kriish Tyagi 6-3, 6-4; Federico Cina bt Rushil Khosla 6-2, 6-2; Lorenzo Angelini & Lorenzo Carboni bt Rushil & Kriish 7-6(5), 2-6, [10-8]).

Srishti Kiran wins under-10 tennis title in Dubai

Srishti Kiran beat Sara Kralle of Germany 6-2, 6-0 in the under-10 girls' final of the Global Junior Tour Dubai Bowl tennis championship in Dubai. . Srishti also reached the under-11 semifinals, but lost to eventual champion Saida Ismail 6-3, 7-5. Mariya Patel also made the semifinals in under-11 section, and lost 6-3, 3-6, 6-1 to Kamile Seliukaite.

LIVE TELECAST

SMAT: (Quarterfinals), SS Select 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 11 a.m. & 4.30 p.m.

Men's T20 World Cup: (Super-12s), Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 1.30 p.m.

ATP Paris Masters: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Voot Select, 3.30 p.m.

ISL: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 7.30 p.m.

Europa League: Sony Sports 1 & 2 (SD & HD) & LIV, 11.15 p.m. & 1.30 a.m. (Friday)

Conference League: Sony Sports 5 (SD & HD) & LIV, 1.30 a.m. (Friday)

Tottenham and Frankfurt advance in dramatic fashion

Bayern Munich stays perfect with six wins out of six; Atletico Madrid's freefall continues as it finishes bottom of its group; Napoli holds on to top spot in Group A despite losing to Liverpool

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Associated Press
LONDON

Tottenham and Eintracht Frankfurt both came from behind to win their respective games and secure a place in the last 16 of the Champions League.

At halftime in the final round of group matches on Tuesday, Marseille and Sporting Lisbon were going through from Group D.

But instead it was their opponents who progressed as a stoppage-time winner from Pierre-Emile Hojbjerg saw Tottenham beat Marseille 2-1 to top the group and Frankfurt won by the same score in Lisbon to secure second spot on its Champions League debut.

The top two finishers in the other groups on Tuesday had already been decided, although not necessarily the order.

Porto beat Atlético Madrid 2-1 to snatch top spot in Group B after Club Brugge was held to a 0-0 draw at Bayer Leverkusen.

Atletico Madrid doesn't even have the consolation of the Europa League playoffs.

The Spanish team was the heavy favorite to progress from its group but was left lamenting a last-place finish.

Napoli kept hold of first place in Group A despite dropping its first points in the Champions League this season in a 2-0 loss at second-place Liverpool.

Bayern Munich did manage to progress with a perfect record as it beat Inter Milan 2-0 to make it six wins out of six. The four places in Group C had already been decided with Inter having secured second spot ahead of Barcelona.

Unlikely hero: Hojbjerg's last-gasp strike deep in to stoppage time against Marseille lifted Tottenham to the top of Group D. GETTY IMAGES

The results:

Group A: Liverpool 2 (Salah 85, Nunez 90+8) bt Napoli 0; Rangers 1 (Tavernier 86-pen) lost to Ajax 3 (Berghuis 4, Kudus 29, Conceicao 89).

Group B: Bayer Leverkusen 0 drew with Club Brugge 0; Porto 2 (Taremi 5, Eustaquio 24) bt Atletico Madrid 1 (Marcano 90+5-og).

Group C: Bayern Munich 2 (Pavard 32, Choupo-Moting 72) bt Inter Milan 0; Viktoria Plzen 2 (Chory 51-pen, 63) lost to Barcelona 4 (Alonso 6, Torres 44, 54, Torre 75).

Group D: Sporting Lisbon 1 (Gomes 39) lost to Eintracht Frankfurt 2 (Kamada 62-pen, Kolo Muani 72); Marseille 1 (Mbemba 45+2) lost to Tottenham 2 (Lenglet 54, Hojbjerg 90+5).

Satwik-Chirag combine advances; Saina, Lakshya ousted

HYLO OPEN

Press Trust of India
SAARBRUCKEN (GERMANY)

Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty beat Chinese Taipei's Lee Yang and Lu Chen 19-21, 21-19, 21-16 to progress to the men's doubles second round of the Hylo Open Super 300 tournament here on Wednesday.

In women's singles, Saina Nehwal made another first round exit, losing 15-21, 8-21 to Thailand's Busanan Ongbamrungphan but Malvika Bansod fought her way into the second round with a 20-22, 21-12, 21-6 win over Spain's Clara Aazurmendi.

Meanwhile on Tuesday, Lakshya Sen suffered a 12-21, 5-21 defeat to Hong Kong's Angus Ng Ka Long. H.S. Prannoy and the doubles pair of M.R. Arjun-Dhruv Kapila gave walkovers to their respective rivals.

Swiatek begins with a facile win; Garcia gets the better of Gauff

WTA FINALS

Agence France-Presse
FORT WORTH

World No. 1 Iga Swiatek opened her season-ending WTA Finals campaign on Tuesday with a straight sets victory over Russia's eighth-ranked Daria Kasatkina.

Polish star Swiatek, who has enjoyed a stellar year that included Grand Slam singles titles at the French and U.S. Opens, eased to a 6-2, 6-3 victory 82 minutes at the Dickies Arena.

The 21-year-old is the heavy favorite to add to her tally of eight tournament victories at this week's eight-player tournament.

Up and running

Against Kasatkina on Tuesday, the three-time Grand Slam champion was quickly into her stride, racing to a 3-0 lead after an early break of serve. Swiatek wrapped up the first set in just 37 minutes after securing another break of serve in the eighth game.

Smooth start: Swiatek took out Kasatkina with ease in her opening match.AP

The second set followed a similar pattern, as she grabbed an early break to take control for a 3-0 lead before closing out the set.

In Tuesday's other group game, France's sixth-seed Caroline Garcia defeated fourth seed Coco Gauff in a repeat of their U.S. Open quarterfinal in September.

Garcia, who reached the semifinals at Flushing Meadows before losing to Tunisia's Ons Jabeur, took 78 minutes to defeat US hope Gauff 6-4, 6-3.

The tournament features two groups of four players who play in a round-robin format, with the top two in each group advancing to the semi-finals.

This year's tournament was moved to Texas due to pandemic-related issues with the Chinese city of Shenzhen, which was initially due to host the event, as well as the WTA's dispute with China over the status of player Peng Shuai.

The results: Group A: Iga Swiatek bt Daria Kasatkina 6-2, 6-3; Caroline Garcia bt Coco Gauff 6-4, 6-3.

Avisha and Krisha bag gold medals

TABLE TENNIS

Sports Bureau

India's Avisha Karmakar and Krisha Patel bagged the girls' under-13 and 11 singles gold medals respectively in the World Table Tennis Youth Contender in Cairo recently.

In the boys section, R. Balamurugan won two medals – silver in boys' u-15 and bronze in u-17 events.

Other Indian medallists:

Boys: Silver: R. Balamurugan (u-15); Vivaan Dave (u-11); **Bronze:** R. Balamurugan (u-17); Naman Bhatnagar (u-15); Soham Mukherjee (u-13); Jash Modi (u-17).

Girls: Silver: Pratha Pawar (u-13); Ankolika Chakrabarty (u-11); **Bronze:** Risha Mirchandani (u-19 & u-17); Riana Bhootha (u-13); Pratha Pawar (u-15); Habiba Elbasoumy (u-15).

Bhagat and Manasi reach the last eight at Worlds

PARA BADMINTON

Press Trust of India
TOKYO

India's Pramod Bhagat and Manasi Joshi topped their respective groups and advanced to the quarterfinals of the BWF Para Badminton World Championships, here on Wednesday.

Top seed Bhagat made light work of England's William Smith 21-5, 21-3 while Manasi saw off France's Catherine Naudin 21-6, 21-4 to top her group on the day.

Paralympic bronze medallist Manoj Sarkar and Nitesh Kumar also advanced and will face France's Mathieu Thomas and England's William Smith, respectively.

In women's events, Parul Parmar and Mandeep Kaur topped their respective groups.

Meanwhile on Tuesday, Nithya Sre and Krishna Nagar pulled off an easy 21-8, 21-9 win over Yasmina Eissa and Ivan Segura Escobar in a Group-A mixed doubles match.

The 17-year-old Nithya, making his debut, took just 15 minutes to dispatch Lam Ching Yung of Hong Kong-win 21-4, 21-4 in women's singles.

AIFF dole of ₹24 lakh each to all State associations

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

The development committee of the All India Football Federation (AIFF) has recommended an annual grant of ₹24 lakh each to all State associations. The meeting was chaired by Avijit Paul at the Football House here on Wednesday.

"This financial assistance may be utilised by the State associations for their women's and men's leagues, youth leagues, office space, equipment, and grassroots development," the AIFF said in a release.

The committee also suggested that the AIFF provide support to each state association to hire respective administration heads and technical coordinators.

"The State associations may use these grants for the appointment of other personnel, if they have already hired full-time personnel in these posts."

A three-member committee, comprising Mulrajsinh Chudasama, Vijay Bali and Ratankumar Singh Moirangthem, has been formed "to devise the criteria for the grants to the committee, and come out with a policy on how the funds will be distributed and utilised" by the states.

It has also been recommended that each state develop its own strategic roadmap once the AIFF's roadmap is finalised.

In order to popularise the State leagues and the state youth leagues, it suggested that the FIFA+ platform be used.

Taijul ranks Pujara as the toughest Indian batter to bowl to

CRICKET

S. Dinakar
CHENNAI

With relentless rain preventing play on day three too of their four-day encounter – Bangladesh XI remained at 59 for three against Tamil Nadu XI – the visiting cricketers departed to the team hotel in the afternoon.

There they followed the pulsating World Twenty20 game between India and Bangladesh down under.

Among those watching the match was Taijul Islam. With 158 wickets in 38 Tests, the 30-year-old Taijul is the senior cricketer in this touring Bangladesh XI.

"Before the run-out of Litton Das we had a very good chance, Then, it became more difficult. But we put up a very good fight," he said to *The Hindu* here on Wednesday.

A left-arm spinner whose forte is control, Taijul rates his seven-wicket innings haul against Pakistan in the Chattogram Test of 2021 as his most satisfying display.

"The Pakistanis play spin well and to do well against those batters was special," he said.

Asked who was the toughest Indian batter he bowled at, Taijul replied, "Cheteshwar Pujara. He gives very little chance to get him out and closes down the angles."

Interestingly, Taijul does not have a role model. "I pick the good things from the cricketers I like. I have developed my skills that way."

High praise: Taijul feels Pujara gives very little chance to get him out and closes down the angles. AP

Of course, the influential Shakib Al Hasan has been around to help him. "He is like a big brother to me. He too is a left-arm spinner and we discuss ways to get batters out."

Looking across the border, Taijul said Ravindra Jadeja was a fine left-arm spinner. "He has all the deliveries and a big match temperament."

And Taijul is an admirer of Virat Kohli's batsmanship. "India is full of strokemakers but Kohli is still the best."

Taijul was optimistic about Bangladesh's cricketing future. "We have a good blend of experienced and young cricketers. And we are improving all the time."